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Grain LNG phase 4: revocation of third party access exemption

On 8 March 2013, we granted¹ National Grid Grain LNG (GLNG)², as owner of an LNG import and export facility, an exemption from the application of section 19D of the Gas Act 1986 in respect of phase 4 of the development of the Isle of Grain LNG terminal. Our decision was approved by the European Commission on 4 June 2013.

Section 19CA of the Gas Act 1986 requires us to revoke an exemption given under section 19C in respect of a facility if construction of the facility has not started within 2 years of the relevant date (in this case, the date of the Commission's approval). GLNG have confirmed that construction of phase 4 will not commence before 4 June 2015³. As a result, we are revoking the current exemption for this phase of the facility with effect from 4 June 2015.

This revocation does not alter our general position on exemptions. If we receive future exemption applications from any party, we will give them due consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

¹ Pursuant to sub-section 19C(5) of the Gas Act 1986.

² Company registration number 04463679.

³ See letter published alongside this document