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Dear Stephen

Direction to Premier Transmission Limited (PTL) under its gas interconnector licence to submit access rules to the Authority for approval

Background

Premier Transmission Limited (PTL) holds a gas interconnector licence allowing it to operate the gas pipeline Twynholm, in South West Scotland, and Ballylumford in Northern Ireland, and is connected to the GNI (UK) interconnectors at Twynholm.

Standard Licence Condition (SLC) 11A of the gas interconnector licence sets out the requirements for Access Rules. Access Rules are methodologies used to establish terms and conditions for access to (including the use of) the licensee's interconnector (but not including those related to charges).

Paragraph 2 of SLC 11A requires that the licensee prepares and submits access rules for approval by the Authority. It must do so sufficiently in advance of new capacity becoming operational or by a date that the Authority may direct in writing. The Authority now directs that PTL prepares and submits its access rules details in SLC 11A(4) by 8 January 2016.

Next steps

The attached notice is a direction from the Authority to PTL to submit access rules to the Authority by 8 January 2016.

Rob Mills
Head of Gas Transmission, Gas Networks
Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority

Direction issued to Premier Transmission Limited (PTL) pursuant to Standard Licence Condition 11A (approval of terms for access to the licensee's interconnector) paragraph 2 of its gas interconnector licence

1. This Direction is issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to Standard Licence Condition 11A (SLC 11A) paragraph 2 of the gas interconnector licence ("the licence") granted or treated as granted under section 7ZA of the Gas Act 1986 ("the Act") to Premier Transmission Limited ("PTL" or "the licensee").
2. SLC 11A paragraph 2 provides that the licensee shall prepare and submit for approval by the Authority a statement setting out the Access Rules (as defined in the licence) sufficiently in advance of new interconnector capacity becoming operational, or by such date as the Authority may direct in writing.
3. SLC 11A paragraph 4 requires the access rules to comply with the Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the national gas transmission networks) and must include, in particular but not be limited to the list set out in SLC paragraph 4(a) to SLC 11A paragraph 4(f).
4. SLC 11A paragraph 5 requires that the Access Rules be transparent, objective, non-discriminatory and compliant with the Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the national gas transmission networks) and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or Agency (collectively the 'relevant access rules objectives').
5. SLC 11A paragraph 9 requires the licensee to review its Access Rules at least once in each calendar year and make such modifications to the Access Rules as may be requisite for the purpose of ensuring that the Access Rules better achieve the relevant access rules objectives. To date no access rules have been received for approval from PTL.
6. SLC 11A paragraph 11 requires the licensee to take all reasonable steps to ensure that all persons, including those in other Member States who may have a direct interest in the Access Rules, are consulted on the proposed modifications and allow them a period of not less than 28 days within which to make written representations. The licensee must also furnish the Authority with a report setting out the terms originally proposed for the modifications, the representations, if any, made by interested persons, any change in the terms of the modifications intended as a consequence of such representations, how the intended modifications better achieve the relevant access rules objectives, and a timetable for the implementation of the modifications.
7. The Authority hereby directs, pursuant to SLC 11A paragraph 2, that PTL submit its Access Rules to the Authority by 8 January 2016.

Dated: 21 September 2015



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