

Non-UK regulatory authorities of all directly connected countries or territories, the Utility Regulator of Northern Ireland (Uregni) and relevant stakeholders

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Article 28(2) TAR NC consultation with the non-UK regulatory authorities of all directly connected countries or territories, the Utility Regulator of Northern Ireland, and the relevant stakeholders

Article 28 of the Tariff Network Code ("**TAR NC**")¹ requires that Ofgem² must consult every tariff period with the non-UK regulatory authorities of all directly connected countries or territories, the Utility Regulator of Northern Ireland ("**Uregni**"), and the relevant stakeholders on the following items:

- (a) the level of multipliers;
- (b) if applicable, the level of seasonal factors and how these are calculated;
- (c) the levels of any discounts at entry points from LNG facilities and at entry points from and exit points to infrastructure developed with the purpose of ending the isolation of Great Britain or Northern Ireland, or other countries or territories, in respect of their gas transmission systems and the level of any discounts for standard capacity products for interruptible capacity.

The Great Britain ("**GB**") gas transmission charging arrangements are set out in Section Y (Charging Methodology) of the Uniform Network Code ("**UNC**").³ Given the open

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/460 of 16 March 2017 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas, now incorporated in UK law by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, as amended by Schedule 5 of the Gas (Security of Supply and Network Codes) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations SI 2019/531.

² Ofgem is the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The terms 'Ofgem', 'the Authority', 'we', 'our' and 'us' are used interchangeably in this document.

³ See <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TPD>

governance framework in GB,⁴ we would expect UNC signatories wishing to amend any of the above items to raise such UNC code modification proposals via the usual industry-led process. We note that Ofgem can only directly modify the UNC in limited circumstances.⁵

We invite responses from interested parties on the items mentioned in Article 28(1) TAR NC and set out above. The consultation shall be open for **four weeks**. Responses to this consultation must be sent to Gas.TransmissionResponse@ofgem.gov.uk by **6 April 2021**.

After the end of the consultation, we shall take a motivated decision and we will publish on our website all non-confidential responses submitted to us. If you want to respond confidentially, please clearly mark your response as such and include your reasons. Mark clearly the parts that are confidential, and the parts that are not, including confidential material in appendices if possible.

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

⁴ See Industry code governance: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/licences-industry-codes-and-standards/industry-code-governance>

⁵ See Standard Special Condition A11: Network Code and Uniform Network Code: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/licences-industry-codes-and-standards/licences/licence-conditions>