

Gas Transporter - NGGT

Special Condition 5.7 The strategic innovation fund (SIFF_t)

Introduction

- XX.1 The purpose of this condition is to establish arrangements for the SIF and to provide for the calculation of the term SIFF_t. This contributes to the calculation of the term ORAt (the other revenue allowance term), which in turn feeds into the calculation of Calculated Revenue in Special Condition 2.1 (Transportation owner revenue restriction).
- XX.2 The effect of this condition is to provide funding for Eligible SIF Projects by means of revenues collected by the licensee through its NTS Transportation Owner Charges pursuant to the SIF Funding Mechanism as varied, where appropriate, by the SIF Funding Return Mechanism.
- XX.3 This condition also makes provision for arrangements relating to the regulation, administration and governance of the SIF.

Part A: Determination of the value of the SIFF_t term

- XX.4 The SIFF_t term is the amount to be recovered by the licensee on behalf of Gas Transporter Licensees, as determined by the Authority under paragraph XX.55 in relation to:
- (a) the SIF Funding specified for that Regulatory Year; and
 - (b) any SIF Funding Return specified for that Regulatory Year.
- XX.5 In each Regulatory Year, as provided for by the SIF Governance Document, the Authority will calculate and, by direction given to the licensee and other Gas Transporter Licensees specify:
- (a) the value for SIFF_t for the licensee, being the amount (if any) to be recovered by the licensee in order to contribute to its own and other Gas Transporter Licensees' SIF Funding for that Regulatory Year);
 - (b) the net amounts that are to be transferred between the licensee and other Gas Transporter Licensees in order to ensure that each Gas Transporter Licensee receives an amount (if any) equal to the proportion of the SIF Funding for that Regulatory Year that is attributable to its Eligible SIF Projects (adjusted to take into account the amount of any SIF Funding Return); and
 - (c) the manner in which and the timescale over which the net amounts referred to in sub-paragraph (b) are to be transferred.
- XX.6 The licensee must comply, to the extent that is applicable to it, with any direction issued by the Authority under paragraph 5.7.5.

Part B: The SIF Funding Return Mechanism

XX.7 The Authority may direct how SIF Returned Project Revenues should be paid to customers through the SIF Funding Return Mechanism, or where the Authority considers it to be appropriate, how they should be retained by the licensee.

Part C: The SIF Governance Document

XX.8 The licensee must comply with the SIF Governance Document.

XX.9 The Authority will issue and amend the SIF Governance Document by direction.

XX.10 The Authority will publish the SIF Governance Document on the Authority's Website.

XX.11 The SIF Governance Document will make provision about the regulation, governance and administration of the SIF, including:

- (a) the eligibility criteria to be applied by, and information to be provided to, the Authority in relation to the assessment and approval of Proposed SIF Projects;
- (b) the evaluation criteria against which the funding of Proposed SIF Projects will be assessed and approved (where necessary);
- (c) the process and procedures that will be in place for the assessment, approval, and financing of Proposed SIF Projects (where necessary);
- (d) arrangements to ensure that relevant matters the licensee has learned from the implementation of Eligible SIF Projects can be captured and disseminated by the licensee to other Gas Transporter Licensees;
- (e) the nature of the reporting obligations in respect of Eligible SIF Projects. which may include reporting in respect of the funding and the completion of such projects, as well as reporting on compliance with this condition and the provisions of the SIF Governance Document; and
- (f) arrangements relating to the treatment of intellectual property rights, including Returned Royalty Income in respect of Eligible SIF Projects.

Part D: Procedure for issuing and revising the SIF Governance Document

XX.12 Before directing that the SIF Governance Document comes into effect, the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

- (a) the text of the proposed SIF Governance Document;
- (b) the date that the Authority intends the SIF Governance Document to come into effect; and
- (c) the time within which representations may be made on the content of the SIF Governance Document, which will not be less than 28 days.

XX.13 Before directing an amendment to the SIF Governance Document, the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

- (a) the text of the amended SIF Governance Document;

- (b) the date on which the Authority intends the amended SIF Governance Document to come into effect;
- (c) the reasons for the amendments to the SIF Governance Document; and
- (d) a period during which representations may be made on the amendment to the SIF Governance Document, which will not be less than 28 days.