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Approval of National Grid Electricity Transmission's updated Network Access Policy

Introduction

This letter approves National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) Network Access Policy (NAP) under Special Condition 2J of its electricity transmission¹.

The aim of the NAP is to support improved communication and coordination between National Grid Electricity Transmission System Operator (NGESO), and the Transmission Owners (TOs). This builds on the requirements of the ESO:TO Code (STC). Currently Scottish Hydro Electricity Transmission (SHE-T) and Scottish Power Transmission (SPT) have a single common NAP covering Scotland, while NGET has a separate NAP covering England and Wales.

To reflect the legal separation of National Grid into Transmission Owner (TO) and System Operator (SO) which comes into force 1st April 2019, NGET submitted an updated NAP to us² for approval on 25th October 2018.

January 2019 Consultation

On 8th January 2019, we published a consultation on NGET's proposed updated NAP,³ giving stakeholders and other interested parties the opportunity to see the [proposed NAP](#), give their views, and raise any issues. Our initial view was that all proposed amendments were appropriate and in the interests of consumers.

We received two responses to the consultation: one from SPT and one from NGESO. Both responses supported our initial view, indicating that they saw no issues with the proposed amendments, and that the new NAP accurately reflected the legal separation of NGET and NGESO. Both responses are published on our website alongside this letter.

¹ <https://epr.ofgem.gov.uk/Content/Documents/National%20Grid%20Electricity%20Transmission%20Plc%20-%20Special%20Conditions%20-%20Current%20Version.pdf>

² The terms "the Authority," "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this letter.

³ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/consultation-proposed-amendments-national-grid-electricity-transmission-s-network-access-policy>

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Approval of NGET's updated NAP

Taking into account the responses to consultation and our principal objective and statutory duties, pursuant to Special Condition 2J.13, the Authority hereby approves NGET's updated NAP, as published alongside our consultation. NGET is required under Part D Special Condition 2J to publish the NAP on its website.

Yours Sincerely,

Min Zhu
Deputy Director - RIIO Electricity Transmission

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
1st March 2019

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