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Dear Colleague,

**RE: GAS DEMAND SIDE RESPONSE (DSR) OPTIONS TENDER BULLETIN: CHANGE OF SHIPPER**

The window for submission of DSR Option Offers will close at 17:00 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, following which we will have a further 10 business days (so by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023) to evaluate such offers and inform tenderers of acceptance or rejection.

An issue was raised at the Transmission Workgroup meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 that some consumers may change their shipper/supplier with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, which could be problematic if such DSR Option Offers are accepted.

UNC TPD Section D7.11.2 states (in summary) that where a shipper which holds a DSR Option ceases to be the registered shipper of the relevant site:

- The DSR Option shall be terminated with effect from the date on which the shipper transfer takes place; and
- The new shipper may elect to be treated as holding that DSR Option, providing that it so notifies National Gas no later than the date of the shipper transfer.

Given the very limited time between allocation of DSR Options and the date on which shipper transfers may take place, and that 1<sup>st</sup> October falls on a Sunday, there is a risk that the new shipper does not make this communication in time, resulting in the DSR Option lapsing and the consumer left unable to offer its DSR through this process. It is also possible that allocation of DSR options could occur after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 if referral to Ofgem is required.

To avoid this outcome, by this tender bulletin, we wish to:

- Encourage any tendering shippers who may be in this position to have the necessary discussion with the consumer and with the new prospective shipper before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023; and

- Invite any such new prospective shipper to inform us in advance of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 that they will become the new registered shipper of the relevant site from this date and that if National Gas were to accept the DSR Option Offer that has been submitted by the existing shipper, they wish to be treated as having entered into that DSR Option themselves, thus exercising their right provided in UNC TPD Section D7.11.2(b). Any such communication should be sent by e-mail to [Brendan.mullan@nationalgas.com](mailto:Brendan.mullan@nationalgas.com) and [andrea.godden@nationalgas.com](mailto:andrea.godden@nationalgas.com).

Yours faithfully

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