

## Compliance Annual Report

### National Grid Gas plc

Prepared pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7 of Standard Special Condition A34 of the Gas Transporter Licence granted to National Grid Gas plc (registered in England with number 2006000 and whose registered office is at 1-3 Strand, London WC2N 5EH) under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (as amended) in respect of its transmission system

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## Definitions

For the purposes of this report, the following definitions apply:

<b>Confidential Information</b>	Means information relating to, or derived from, the Transportation Business which is not published or otherwise legitimately in the public domain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• except where such information is made available on an equal basis to any meter asset manager;</li><li>• except where such information appertains to a customer who at the time to which the information relates was a customer of the relevant supplier; or</li><li>• where the Authority otherwise consents in writing</li></ul>
<b>Transportation Business</b>	Means the business of National Grid Gas plc in respect of its Gas National Transmission System
<b>MRSB</b>	Means Meter-related services business as defined in the GT licence
<b>MRB</b>	Means meter reading business as defined in the GT licence
<b>GT Licence</b>	Means the gas transporter's licence held by National Grid Gas plc in respect of its Gas National Transmission System

## Introduction

Paragraphs 6 and 7 of Standard Special Condition A34 of the Gas Transportation Licence ("Licence") granted to National Grid Gas plc ("NGG") in respect of the NTS require NGG to produce an annual report covering its compliance during the relevant year with relevant duties, its implementation of the practices, procedures and systems adopted in accordance with the Compliance Statement, as approved by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the activities of the Compliance Officer during the relevant year and the details of any investigations conducted by the CO. This is the annual report in respect of the Period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006 ("Period").

## **Compliance with relevant duties**

Throughout the Period National Grid Gas has been compliant with the relevant duties.

## **Implementation of the practices, procedures and systems adopted in accordance with the Compliance Statement**

The Compliance Statement (“Statement”) prepared pursuant to paragraph 4 of Standard Special Condition A33 of the gas transporter licence granted to National Grid Gas plc was approved by Ofgem on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005. The Statement describes the practices, procedures and systems adopted by NGG to secure compliance with its obligations under paragraphs 2 and 3 of Standard Special Condition A33 (Restriction on use of Information and Independence of the Transportation Business) of its GT licence, which respectively provide how NGG:

- Shall maintain managerial and operational systems which prevent any MRSB or MRB having access to Confidential Information other than as permitted by paragraphs 2(a) and 2(b) of Standard Special Condition A33; and
- Shall at all times manage and operate the Transportation Business in a way best calculated to ensure that it does not restrict, prevent or distort competition in the supply of meter related services or meter reading (together, “the Conditions”).

### **Managerial Independence**

Pursuant to the written consent of the Authority dated 25 May 2005 and the subsequent comfort letter dated 12 October 2006, NGG is relieved of its obligation to implement managerial independence of the transportation business.

### **Operational Independence of the Transportation Business from MRSB and MRB**

Pursuant to the written consent of the Authority dated 25 May 2005 and the subsequent comfort letter dated 12 October 2006, NGG is relieved of its obligation to implement operational independence of the transportation business.

### **Independent Branding**

Pursuant to the written consent of the Authority dated 25 May 2005 and the subsequent comfort letter dated 12 October 2006, NGG is relieved of its obligation to implement separate branding for the Transportation Business.

### **Use of equipment, facilities, property and personnel employed by the Transportation Business**

Pursuant to the written consent of the Authority dated 25 May 2005 and the subsequent comfort letter dated 12 October 2006, NGG is relieved of its

obligation to implement independence of equipment, facilities, property and personnel employed by the Transportation Business.

## **Activities of the CO**

During the Period the CO:

- Provided advice and information to directors, managers and staff on ensuring compliance with the relevant duties, both pro-actively and in response to requests;
- Monitored the effectiveness of the practices, procedures and systems put in place as set out in the Compliance Statement;
- Provided advice and information to directors, managers and staff to ensure the implementation of practices, procedures and systems put in place as set out in the Compliance Statement;
- Communicated the requirements of the Compliance Statement to appropriate employees.

## **Investigations conducted by the Compliance Officer**

There have been no complaints during the Period and therefore no investigations or the requirement to advise upon remedial action.

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