Procurement Guidelines Report

For the Period 01 April 2011 – 31 March 2012

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Executive Summary

National Grid has been given discretion with regard to the procurement of System Management Services, subject to an obligation under its Gas Transporter (GT) License to operate the system in an efficient, economic and co-ordinated manner, and taking into account its (System Operator) SO incentives.

National Grid confirms that System Management Services during the period covered by this report have been procured in accordance with the principles set out in the prevailing Procurement Guidelines, and therefore National Grid Gas considers that such activities satisfy its relevant License obligations.

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

This document is the Procurement Guidelines Report ("Report") which National Grid is required to publish in accordance with Special Condition C5 of its GT licence. This Report provides information in respect of the procurement of System Management Services referred to in the Procurement Guidelines. The Procurement Guidelines set out the kinds of System Management Services which National Grid may be interested in purchasing, together with the mechanisms by which National Grid envisages purchasing such services.

This Report, which has been developed in consultation with the Authority, covers each of the services detailed in Table 1 of the Procurement Guidelines, and identifies contractual and market-related information for each of the services.

Terms used within this report shall have the same meaning given to them in National Grid's GT Licence and the Uniform Network Code, as the case may be.

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1.2 Reporting Period

This Report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 4 of Special Condition C5. This Condition states that the Report should be produced within one month after the publication date of the Procurement Guidelines which are prepared in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Condition.

The report includes details of System Management Services procured in relation to the gas flow period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 inclusive.

This reporting period covers the last month of the Storage Year 2009/2010 (April 2011) and the majority of Storage Year 2010/2011 (May 2011 to March 2012).

2. Procurement of System Management Services

2.1 Definition of System Management Services

Special Condition C5 (paragraph 15) of National Grid's GT Licence defines the System Management Services as the "services in relation to the balancing of gas inputs to and gas off takes from the NTS and includes balancing trades and balancing trade derivatives and constraint management services".

Table 1 in the Procurement Guidelines Report summarises the above System Management Services as being required for the following applications:

- Operating Margins Gas
- Constrained Storage
- Shrinkage
- Entry Capacity Management
- Exit Capacity Management
- Gas Balancing
- OCM Collateralisation Costs

2.2 System Management Services Procured

The services National Grid procured in this period are summarised in Table 1.

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service	Component Description and Details
Component	
Holdings	National Grid (OM) procures this service at the following storage facilities:
Contracts	 NG LNG storage facilities (Avonmouth, Glenmavis, Partington)
(space and	 Rough storage facility
deliverability)	Hornsea storage facility
	 Hole House Farm storage facility
	Grain LNG Importation terminal
	At National Grid LNG storage facilities, National Grid (OM) has priority over all other Users in procuring Storage
	Capacity for OM purposes. However, at Rough, Hornsea and Hole House Farm, National Grid (OM) has the
	same rights as any other User.

Table 1 - Services Procured

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service Component	Component Description and Details											
Holdings Contracts (space and	For the period 1 follows:	For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid Gas (OM) procured Operating Margins as follows:										
deliverability)	Month	Facility	Space (kWh)	Unit cost (p/kWh/annum)	Deliverability (kWh/d)	Unit cost (p/kWh)						
Continued	Apr-11	Hornsea	35,200,000	1.4834	0	0						
Continueu		Glenmavis	119,300,000	1.8360	0	0						
		Avonmouth	186,200,000	1.5750	0	0						
		Hornsea	49,000,000	1.3649	0	0						
		Rough	515,600,000	0.4507	0	0						
		Hole House Farm	25,000,000	1.5200	0	0						
		Partington	77,000,000	1.1690	43,700,000	1.0700						
	May-11 to Mar-12	Hornsea	80,000,000	0.6717	0	0						
		Avonmouth	145,400,000	3.5440	0	0						
		Hatfield Moor	7,500,000	0.5932	0	0						
		Rough	505,200,000	0.3010	0	0						
		Hole House Farm	25,000,000	1.5200	0	0						
	Apr-11 to Dec-11	Isle of Grain	139,000,000	8.1030	0	0						
	Jan-12 to Mar-12	Isle of Grain	110,000,000	8.2924	0	0						

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service Component	Component Description and Details						
Holdings Contracts	,	M) procures demand reduction and su		·			
(Delivery Arrangements)		ril 2011 – 31 March 2012, National G					
	Month	Contract	OM Deliverability (kWh/d)	Price (p/kWh/d/annum)			
	Apr-11	Portfolio of Offtake Reduction and Supply Increase	16,800,000	1.5000			
		Portfolio of Offtake Reduction	18,000,000	2.0000			
		LNG Importation with Storage	53,200,000	2.4910			
	May-11 to Mar-12	Portfolio of Offtake Reduction and Supply Increase	16,800,000	1.7500			
		Portfolio of Offtake Reduction	18,000,000	2.1500			
		LNG Importation with Storage	34,500,000	1.6493			
		LNG Importation with Storage	28,800,000	2.2569			
		Single Demand Reduction Point	12,000,000	1.7583			

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service Component	Component Description and Details
Gas-in-storage 'Swap' tender	National Grid Gas (OM) utilises this service to address OM gas surpluses and deficits. National Grid Gas (OM) issues a 'swap tender' to Users, offering to trade gas in store at a facility where National Grid Gas has an OM surplus for shipper gas in store at a different facility where there is an OM deficit. Users may offer a payment to National Grid Gas or receive a payment from National Grid Gas, reflecting the different injection values attached to the gas.
	No Gas-in-storage SWAP tenders have been made between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service Component	Component De	escription and Det	tails						
Gas	National Grid Gas (OM) utilises this service to address an Operating Margins gas deficit at a given storage facility where								
Procurement	National Grid Gas (OM) utilises this service to address an Operating Margins gas deficit at a given storage facility where National Grid Gas holds Operating Margins Capacity Arrangements. National Grid Gas (OM) either issues a tender to Users to meet its requirements or injects gas that has been withdrawn from storage facilities with an Operating Margins gas surplus. Typically, National Grid Gas invites Users to offer to sell gas either in store or at the NBP although National Grid Gas may contract for the purchase of OM gas (as to all or any part of its requirements). For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid (OM) procured this service as follows:								
		•	• ,	,		ows:			
		•	• ,	,		ows: NBP weighted average price (p/kWh)			

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service Component	Component Description and Details								
Gas Disposal	National Grid Gas (OM) utilises this service to address a gas surplus at a given storage facility where National Grid Gas holds or has held Operating Margins Capacity Arrangements. National Grid Gas (OM) either issues a tender to Users to meet its requirements or withdraws gas to inject into storage facilities with an Operating Margins gas deficit. Typically, National Grid Gas invites Users to bid to buy gas either in store or at the NBP. For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid (OM) procured this service as follows:								
	Month	Facility	In-store quantity	NBP quantity	In-store	NBP weighted			
			(kWh)	(kWh)	weighted average price (p/kWh)	average price (p/kWh)			
	Apr-11	Glenmavis	(kWh)	(kWh) 73,267,750	average price				
	Apr-11	Glenmavis	, ,	, ,	average price	(p/kWh)			
	Apr-11 May-11	Glenmavis	, ,	73,267,750	average price (p/kWh)	(p/kWh) 1.7924			
			0 0	73,267,750	average price (p/kWh) 0	(p/kWh) 1.7924 1.8539			
		Glenmavis	0 0 43,300,000	73,267,750 2,732,251 0	average price (p/kWh) 0 0 1.9108	(p/kWh) 1.7924 1.8539 0			

1. Operating Margins (OM)

Service	Component Description and Details
Component	
OM Transfer between	National Grid Gas (OM) utilises this service to address a gas-in-store surplus or deficit by transferring OM gas between Storage Facilities.
Storage Facilities	No Transfers between storage facilities have been made between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.
OM Utilisation	National Grid Gas (OM) utilises Operating Margins services to ensure Operational Balancing capability in the event of a supply failure, demand forecast change or plant failure.
	No Utilisations have occurred between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.

2. Constrained Storage

The purpose of a constrained storage service is to economically meet 1 in 20 capacity obligations at the Network extremities.

For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, no CLNG service was procured.

3. Shrinkage

The NTS Shrinkage Provider manages the risk exposure associated with the shrinkage account. Shrinkage covers gas for own use (running of compressors, vented gas, gas used for preheating) and to cover any gas losses (unidentified theft, meter errors, leakage and CV shrinkage associated with variations in calorific value of gas). The account is subject to normal cash-out arrangements if the daily gas quantities delivered to the system do not match the Daily Shrinkage Quantities.

National Grid manages this service by trading gas at the beach or at the NBP, following the approval of Network Code Modification Proposals 0579 (Feb 2003) and 0599 (April 2004)

Service Component		Component Description and Details							
NBP Trades	From 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, National Grid procured shrinkage via NBP trades as follows								
	Month	Total Quantity Purchased (kWh)	Purchase Cost (£)	Weighted Average Purchase Price	Total Quantity Sold (kWh)	Sell Revenue (£)	Weighted Average Sell Price (p/kWh)		
	Apr-11	886,194,772	17,036,605	(p/kWh) 1.9224	120,686,638	2,397,736	1.9867		
	May-11	762,043,214	14,380,665	1.8871	118,048,999	2,228,067	1.8874		
	Jun-11	507,481,744	9,736,065	1.9185	60,079,555	1,184,975	1.9723		
	Jul-11	338,497,005	6,164,110	1.8210	26,376,390	500,550	1.8977		
	Aug-11	345,941,008	6,229,405	1.8007	4,396,065	79,650	1.8118		
	Sep-11	411,823,369	7,470,715	1.8141	124,115,569	2,329,388	1.8768		
	Oct-11	617,559,211	11,937,510	1.9330	178,919,846	3,446,210	1.9261		
	Nov-11	633,766,038	13,178,210	2.0793	171,446,535	3,687,150	2.1506		
	Dec-11	675,030,434	13,456,269	1.9934	99,644,140	1,983,400	1.9905		
	Jan-12	613,456,217	12,057,637	1.9655	175,696,065	3,533,603	2.0112		
	Feb-12	646,221,555	13,297,265	2.0577	151,664,243	3,369,538	2.2217		
	Mar-12	456,633,925	9,016,240	1.9745	90,852,010	1,851,350	2.0378		

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Service Component	Component Description and Details									
Imbalance Cash-out	From 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, National Grid's imbalance cash-out for the NTS shrift account was as follows:									
	Month	Quantity Purchased (under delivered) (kWh)	Purchase Cost (at SMP _b) (£)	Weighted Average Cost (p/kWh)	Quantity Sold (over delivered) (kWh)	Sell Revenue (at SMP _s) (£)	Weighted Average Revenue (p/kWh)			
	Apr-11	21,719,037	423,168	1.9484	-3,058,592	-59,388	1.9417			
	May-11	24,489,698	487,931	1.9924	-2,255,642	-42,551	1.8864			
	Jun-11	16,769,812	336,410	2.0060	-580,748	-11,487	1.9780			
	Jul-11	16,330,975	312,113	1.9112	-1,008,500	-18,623	1.8466			
	Aug-11	20,932,340	396,267	1.8931	-787,053	-13,955	1.7731			
	Sep-11	29,519,044	526,330	1.7830	-523,856	-9,838	1.8780			
	Oct-11	31,309,937	557,829	1.7816	-4,999,936	-101,796	2.0359			
	Nov-11	28,410,236	574,579	2.0224	-139,210	-2,694	1.9349			
	Dec-11	17,103,045	325,563	1.9035	-4,126,523	-77,814	1.8857			
	Jan-12	8,075,548	153,420	1.8998	-9,487,081	-170,773	1.8001			
	Feb-12	34,172,479	836,206	2.4470	-2,017,529	-43,145	2.1385			
	Mar-12	12,254,310	242,288	1.9772	-8,703,219	-169,723	1.9501			

Service Component	Component Description and Details								
Buybacks on Gemini	For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid Gas procured these services as follows:								
	Month	ASEP	No. of days on which offers accepted	No. of offers accepted	Quantity accepted (kWh)	Weighted average price (p/kWh)			
	Apr-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	May-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Jun-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Jul-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Aug-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Sep-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Oct-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Nov-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Dec-11	None	0	0	0	0			
	Jan-12	None	0	0	0	0			
	Feb-12	None	0	0	0	0			
	Mar-12	None	0	0	0	0			

Service Component		Component Description and Details								
CMAs – Options Agreements	For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid Gas procured these services as follows:									
	Period	ASEP	Total Quantity Accepted (kWH)	Cost of Option (£)						
	May-11	None	0	0						
	Jun-11	None	0	0						
	Jul-11	None	0	0						
	Aug-11	None	0	0						
	Sep-11	None	0	0						
	Oct-11	Milford Haven	199,999,992	508,400						
	Nov-11	Milford Haven	200,000,000	492,000						
	Dec-11	Milford Haven	200,000,000	508,400						
	Jan-12	Milford Haven	199,999,992	508,400						
	Feb-12	Milford Haven	200,000,000	492,000						
	Mar-12	Milford Haven	200,000,000	508,400						

Service Component CMAs – Forwards Agreements	Component Description and Details For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid Gas procured these services as								
	Month	ASEP	Quantity utilised (kWh)	Total Cost of Forward Buybacks (£)					
	Apr-11	None	0	0					
	May-11	None	0	0					
	Jun-11	None	0	0					
	Jul-11	None	0	0					
	Aug-11	None	0	0					
	Sep-11	None	0	0					
	Oct-11	None	0	0					
	Nov-11	None	0	0					
	Dec-11	None	0	0					
	Jan-12	None	0	0					
	Feb-12	None	0	0					
	Mar-12	None	0	0					

Service Component	Component Description and Details										
CMAs – Options Utilisation	For the period 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012, National Grid Gas procured these services as follows:										
	Month	ASEP	Quantity utilised (kWh)	Total Cost of utilisation (option+exerci se) (£)	No. of days on which option exercised						
	Apr-11	None	0	0	0						
	May-11	None	0	0	0						
	Jun-11	None	0	0	0						
	Jul-11	None	0	0	0						
	Aug-11	None	0	0	0						
	Sep-11	None	0	0	0						
	Oct-11	None	0	0	0						
	Nov-11	None	0	0	0						
	Dec-11	None	0	0	0						
	Jan-12	None	0	0	0						
	Feb-12	None	0	0	0						
	Mar-12	None	0	0	0						

The purpose of an exit capacity management service is to enable the system to accommodate gas flows in accordance with Users' exit capacity rights. In the event of desired exit flows exceeding capability, National Grid may procure a range of demand/supply side services (including interruption) in order to achieve the desired changes in gas flows. The interruption services may be procured to manage NTS constraints and/or Network Gas Supply Emergencies.

Service Component	Component Description and Details								
Interruption to manage NTS constraints	On 1 April 2011, National Grid had interruption access to 29 sites (NTS Power Stations, Industrial Sites and the Moffat Interconnector) with an aggregate potential available interruption of 941.8 GWh (excluding Bacton)								
	In addition, the NTS also had access to a potential 628.4 GWh of Interruption at the Bacton Interconnector along with 8 Storage Sites.								
	During the period 01 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, National Grid had no requirement to initiate interruption. There was no requirement for a National Gas Supply Emergency.								

Service Component	Component Description and Details							
OCM trades	National Grid trades on On-the-day Commodity Market (OCM) day ahead and/or within day to resolve imbalances. OCM trades are deployed to achieve both national system balance and to meet localised requirements. For national system requirements, National Grid trades in all three OCM markets i.e. physical, title and locational. For localised requirements, National Grid only trades in the locational market.							
	During the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, National Grid carried out the following OCM trades:							

Service Component	Component Description and Details										
OCM 'Title' trades to address a National Requirement	Nationa Month	No. of days on which trades accepted	Trades No. of Trade buys	No. of Trade sells	Quantity Purchased (kWh)	Quantity Sold (kWh)	Purchase cost (£)	Sell revenue (£)	Weighted Average Purchase Price (p/kWh)	Weighted Average Sell Price (p/kWh)	
	Apr-11	18	1	416	1,465,355	1,055,583,155	27,900	18,201,018	1.9040	1.7243	
	May-11	16	41	205	94,544,708	583,269,911	1,849,581	11,151,649	1.9563	1.9119	
	Jun-11	16	23	166	59,874,407	393,389,219	1,218,988	7,714,535	2.0359	1.9610	
	Jul-11	19	42	332	127,544,499	771,568,038	2,408,774	14,331,800	1.8886	1.8575	
	Aug-11	19	97	178	217,517,304	388,494,930	4,089,217	7,092,791	1.8800	1.8257	
	Sep-11	16	37	316	97,299,573	735,373,772	1,958,045	12,493,244	2.0124	1.6989	
	Oct-11	19	83	280	207,963,188	704,806,463	3,790,217	13,384,116	1.8225	1.8990	
	Nov-11	15	132	53	378,794,272	125,991,225	7,728,650	2,432,081	2.0403	1.9304	
	Dec-11	17	98	136	255,323,462	285,216,706	5,050,114	5,257,410	1.9779	1.8433	
	Jan-12	15	87	125	233,196,599	324,165,841	4,459,045	5,344,103	1.9121	1.6486	
	Feb-12	15	40	153	83,027,017	336,562,749	1,990,482	6,860,949	2.3974	2.0385	
	Mar-12	16	115	128	263,089,843	281,905,000	5,395,398	5,276,754	2.0508	1.8718	

Service Component	Component Description and Details									
OCM 'Physical' trades to address a										
National	National	'Physical' T	rades							
Requirement	Month	No. of days on which trades accepted	No. of Trade buys	No. of Trade sells	Quantity Purchased (kWh)	Quantity Sold (kWh)	Purchase cost (£)	Sell revenue (£)	Weighted Average Purchase Price (p/kWh)	Weighted Average Sell Price (p/kWh)
OCM 'Locational' trades to address a	National	'Locational		ai traues	were conduc	ted in this perio	ou to address	a Nalional F	пединеттети.	
National Requirement	Month	No. of days on which trades accepted	No. of Trade buys	No. of Trade sells	Quantity Purchased (kWh)	Quantity Sold (kWh)	Purchase cost (£)	Sell revenue (£)	Weighted Average Purchase Price (p/kWh)	Weighted Average Sell Price (p/kWh)
		No I	ocational	trades w	ere conducte	d in this period	to address a	National Re	quirement	

Service Component OCM 'Locational' trades to address a				(Component	Description	and Details			
Localised Requirement	'Locatio Month	No. of days on which trades accepted	No. of Trade buys	No. of Trade sells	Quantity Purchased (kWh)	Quantity Sold (kWh)	Purchase cost (£)	Sell revenue (£)	Weighted Average Purchase Price (p/kWh)	Weighted Average Sell Price (p/kWh)
	Apr-11	2	0	7	0	32,530,881	0	389,625	0	1.1977
	May-11	2	0	7	0	52,752,780	0	799,666	0	1.5159

7. OCM Collateralisation Costs

National Grid Gas, in its role as the residual system balancer, is required to provide collateralisation to APX Gas Ltd in order to utilise the OCM for system balancing purposes. The costs are incurred by National Grid Gas to provide the collateralisation are recovered from the Users through a balancing neutrality charge.

For the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, National Grid Gas incurred OCM collateralization costs of £71,654.79