

# Customer Briefing Note

## Offtake Profile Notices: MNEPOR Rule

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### Executive Summary

The purpose of this document is to inform of National Grid's approach to handling breaches of the Maximum NTS Exit Point Offtake Rate (MNEPOR) rule for revised Offtake Profile Notices (OPNs).

### Background

#### Offtake Profile Notices (OPNs)

Offtake Profile Notices (OPNs) are to be submitted (in accordance with Uniform Network Code TPD Section J 4.5) by all NTS Offtake Points. The OPN can be revised but there are contractual rules that govern the permitted change in forecast offtake rates.

#### OPN Rule Monitoring

The system that National Grid uses to manage the National Transmission System (NTS) is called iGMS. This system validates all OPN submissions against contractually agreed offtake rules. National Grid NTS have full discretion over the acceptance and rejection of OPN rule breaches.

The Maximum NTS Exit Point Offtake Rate (MNEPOR) has now been configured to allow iGMS to automatically accept or reject based upon the outcome of the system rule validation.

#### Maximum NTS Exit Point Offtake Rate (MNEPOR)

The MNEPOR is derived from the maximum offtake rate defined in the connection agreement for the specific NTS Exit Point. This is generally representative of the upper metering range at the NTS Exit Point. The MNEPOR value is used to validate changes in Offtake flow rates based on a percentage of the physical metering capability.

### Application of the Maximum NTS Exit Point Offtake Rate (MNEPOR) Rule

- The MNEPOR rule is applied consistently to all users; all breaches of this rule are rejected.
- The rule applies to every NTS Exit Point at hour bar level (Nominated Hvol vs. 1/24<sup>th</sup> MNEPOR)

## Why should MNEPOR breaches be rejected?

- To protect the meters and avoid Unaccounted for Gas (UAG)
- Ensure Compliance to UNC TPD Section J, 3.10.5.

## What is the MNEPOR value for my site?

The MNEPOR value is contained in the contractual agreement for each site. A list of the MNEPOR values for each site is available on the National Grid website at the following address;

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/industry-information/gas-transmission-system-operations/capacity/>

Please refer to the document entitled 'Transitional Exit Data Publication'.

## Why have I started to receive rejection notices; I didn't receive these before?

Following an exercise with the Industry to validate MNEPOR, confidence in these values has been established and from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014, the MNEPOR rule will automatically reject all breaches.

If you receive a rejection, please ensure you submit a revised OPN addressing the MNEPOR breach prior to re-submission.

## Operational Compliance Team

If you have any queries with regard to the MNEPOR rule, or any other matter concerning offtake profile notices, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Operational Compliance team.

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