

System Management Principles Statement Annual Consultation by National Grid Gas (NTS)

February 2016

Summary

This annual consultation is being carried out in accordance with the National Grid Gas (NTS) Gas Transporter (GT) Licence - Special Condition 8A. The consultation period will be for 28 days.

This document contains the timescales for the consultation and the background to the consultation.

Following this consultation, National Grid Gas (NTS) will produce a report and submit it to the Authority in accordance with its GT Licence Special Condition 8A paragraph 21.

Consultation timescales

National Grid Gas (NTS) issues consultation:	24 th February 2016
Closing date for responses:	23 rd March 2016
National Grid NTS submits report to the Authority:	30 th March 2016

Background

National Grid Gas (NTS) prepares a SMP Statement in accordance with Special Condition 8A of its GT Licence. The original version (1.0) of the SMP Statement was approved by the Authority and became effective on 2nd October 2002. The current version 3.3 is available at:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Business-compliance/Procurement-and-System-Management-Documents/>

Detailed Changes to the SMP Statement

We propose to make the following material changes to the current version of the SMP Statement:

- Revision of Part D Section 4. 'Financial Services Regulations' to allow for all relevant financial regulations (Pg. 17).
- Updated definition in glossary of 'Gas Day' from 0600 – 0600 to 0500 – 0500 (Pg. 23).
- Removal of terms in glossary which do not appear within the document (Pg. 23).
- Additional text to align the SMP Statement with Article 9 of the EU Balancing Network Code (Pg. 5 and Pg. 13).

Appendix A

- Revision of Part D Section 5 to take account of the implementation of Modification 0504 introducing Gas Demand Side Response (Pg. 19).

A change marked draft version of this document (version 4.0), which includes the proposed amendments for 1st April 2016, can also be found via the link above for review.

Views Sought

National Grid Gas (NTS) would welcome your views on the proposed changes, as well as any wider comments on the document, within the terms of this consultation.

Please ensure that any responses to this consultation are received by 12:00 on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Responses should be sent electronically to angharad.williams@nationalgrid.com or by post to:

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Where appropriate we are willing to meet with you to consider modifications to the Statement. If you would like to arrange a meeting with National Grid to discuss the SMP Statement please use the contact details above.