

# Firm NTS Exit Capacity Surrender

## Process Overview v1.0

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### Overview

This process allows National Grid NTS to buy Firm NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity from NTS Exit Users holding these rights. Firm NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Surrender (often referred to as Daily Capacity Buyback) is used for the management of Physical NTS Exit Constraint risk. Note that firm capacity surrender is managed in Gemini Exit via the "NTS EXIT FLAT CAPACITY FIRM PRIMARY" product and the daily auction for Users to offer this capacity back is referred to as "DBNEX" (Daily Buyback NTS Exit Capacity).

A Firm Exit Capacity Surrender offer will relate to a specific Gas Day only and can be posted at any time by Firm NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity entitlement holders in the Gemini Exit system for any given Gas Day from 06:00 D-7 up until 02:00 on the Gas Day.

Where a specific Firm Capacity Shortfall has been identified, National Grid NTS may request Firm Exit Capacity Surrender offers at NTS Exit Points in specified NTS Exit Zones, by sending an ANS message.

Capacity Surrender Offers will be assessed and allocated in relation to the NTS Exit Constraint risk being managed. National Grid NTS can only accept Firm Capacity Surrender offers from 15:00 D-1 up until 02:00 D and will accept offers in line with the System Management Principles Statement and will assess each offer based on cost and the geographic location of the NTS Exit Point prior to accepting any offer(s).

Once a capacity surrender offer has been accepted and therefore allocated, Users must manage their own nominations in the Gemini system and revise physical exit flows accordingly in order to avoid any potential capacity overrun penalty charges.

### Communications

National Grid NTS may request NTS Exit Users to make Firm NTS Exit Capacity Surrender Offers via ANS. For reference, the ANS message that will be issued is given below:

*National Grid is requesting exit capacity surrender offers at NTS Exit Zone(s) (XX). This is for Gas Day DDMMYY.*

Once National Grid NTS has received and assessed any NTS Exit Capacity surrender offers, bids will be allocated accordingly and another ANS message will be issued is shown below to notify Users where Exit Capacity may have reduced:

*For Gas Day (xx/xx/xx), National Grid has taken an Exit Capacity surrender action at (\*\*\*\*). Please see Gemini System for Details.*

## Process Summary

1. From 06:00 D-7 the “DBNEX” auction window is always open to capture requests (bids) for surrender of Firm NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity for a specific Gas Day D.

2. NTS Exit Users can place surrender offers in the Gemini Exit system by entering the offer details here:  
[Home](#) → [Deal](#) → [Capture](#) → [Capture Requests](#)

*Note that for capacity surrender, when selecting the Product in any of the Gemini Exit system screens, the product “**NTS EXIT FLAT CAPACITY FIRM DERIVED**” must be selected.*

3. Once National Grid NTS have reviewed the surrender offers and an allocation is made, an ANS message will be issued (as detailed above) to indicate that surrender offers have been accepted.

4. Details relating to individual NTS Exit Users surrender offers and whether or not they have been accepted can be found in the following Gemini Exit screen:

[Home](#) → [Capture](#) → [Request Information](#) → [Auction Request Information Report](#)

5. Details relating to all accepted and rejected surrender offers can be found in the following Gemini Exit screen:

[Home](#) → [Publish](#) → [Reports](#) → [MOS Reports](#) → [Post Allocation Information Reports](#)

6. Following the allocation of an NTS Exit User’s surrender offer, the user’s Firm NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity entitlements will be adjusted in line with the accepted offer and the revised entitlements for specific NTS Exit Points can be viewed here:

[Home](#) → [Publish](#) → [Reports](#) → [User Reports](#) → [Entitlement Report](#)