

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

February 2017

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:	27 th February 2017
Closing date for responses:	27 th March 2017
National Grid NTS submits report to the Authority:	31 st March 2017

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 4.0 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 B Section 5. 'Information Provision' to allow more flexibility in what will be posted under REMIT, as the 'urgent market messages' may not always be capacity based (Pg. 9)
- Additional text to ensure all existing primary system management tools National Grid uses are included in Part C – Section 1. 'System Management Measures and Other Actions' (Pg. 10) and Section 3.2 'Localised Requirement' (Pg. 14)

Appendix A

A change marked draft version of this document (version 5.0), which includes the proposed amendments for 1st April 2017, 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 close of play on Monday 27th March 2017.

Responses should be sent electronically to box.gas.market.devel@nationalgrid.com or by post to:

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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.