

How to Obtain the NTS Transportation Model

Introduction

The Transportation Model¹ has been developed by National Grid to seek to enable transparency of its Gas Charging Methodology in respect of the GB National Transmission System (NTS), and is provided on this understanding.

While the model is available free of charge, it is provided under licence to restrict, among other things, its distribution and commercial use. A copy of the software licence agreement is available on our website at: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Charges/TCMF/>.

Users wishing to obtain the licence are asked to return a hard copy of the licence agreement, signed on behalf of their organisation by post to our Charging Team at the address below.

Once the signed licence agreement has been received, we will e-mail a copy of the Transportation Model spreadsheet and some guidance notes. Please note that National Grid does not provide specific training for the software, but we will be happy to answer your questions regarding use of the model. Please also note that the model is provided solely for the purposes of estimating capacity charges in respect of the NTS, and is not intended for any other purpose.

Operating Environment

The model has been developed using Microsoft Office Excel 2003 and tested on National Grid's company operating system (based on Windows XP), and is expected to perform as described below on similar Microsoft Windows based systems such as Windows 2000/Windows NT. However, National Grid cannot guarantee the correct behaviour of the model when operated on other systems.

Before using the model, users are asked to satisfy themselves that they are able to comply with the terms of the NTS Charging Model Software Licence Agreement that sets out the terms on which National Grid provide this software.

Contact Details

If you experience any difficulties with using the model, please e-mail our Charging Team at charging.enquiries@uk.ngrid.com

Signed copies of the software licence agreement may be returned by post to:

Damian Clough, Charging and Revenue, National Grid, National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, Warwickshire CV34 6DA

Please remember to include your contact details and e-mail address when returning the agreement.

¹ The option of setting NTS Capacity charges based on the Transportation Model has been proposed within Gas Charging Methodology Consultation NTS GCM 01 issued 2nd November 2006.