

Redaction Explanatory Statement

National Grid Gas Transmission

Western Gas Network Project

Funded Incremental Obligated Capacity
Need Case Submission



Redaction Explanatory Statement to accompany published documents for the Western Gas Network Project Funded Incremental Obligated Capacity Need Case Submission

The Western Gas Network Project Funded Incremental Obligated Capacity Need Case Submission, submitted to Ofgem on 30 June 2021 in accordance with Licence Special Condition 3.13 Part C and as per the FIOC Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, was published on our website on 7 July 2021.

As with our RIIO-T2 Business Plan, we publish all documents in as full a form as possible in order to assist stakeholders in considering the information. However, given the nature of our business it has been necessary to redact certain confidential information from the documents we are publishing. This summary statement explains the reasons for our redactions.

Commercially Confidential information

Certain information contained within these documents is classified as “Commercially Confidential” to National Grid Gas Transmission as it contains competitively sensitive information. This type of information identifies or could reveal the cost data of our assets or activities that we source from 3rd party providers on a competitive basis (e.g. goods and services in relation to the construction, operation and maintenance of our network). Publishing this data would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Gas Transmission and, as a consequence of this, would be prejudicial to the interests of consumers.

Chapter 1 of the Competition Act 1998 prohibits the exchange of competitively sensitive information, therefore publishing any of this type of information would be unlawful.

Information of this nature has been redacted from the documents published.

Information has also been redacted from the documents published on the basis that it relates to our future potential contractors and suppliers, which have not yet been subject to a procurement process. Publishing this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Gas Transmission and therefore our customers and end consumers.

Strictly Confidential information

Certain information contained within these documents is classified as “Strictly Confidential” to National Grid Gas Transmission as it is operationally sensitive information. This type of information identifies or relates to Critical National Infrastructure and/or sites, systems or processes that are used by National Grid Gas Transmission for the safe, secure and reliable operation of the Gas Transmission system. Publishing this information, which identifies or relates to system-critical sites, systems or processes (and proposed investments in relation to the relevant assets), would be prejudicial to the operational security of the Gas Transmission system. Publication would prejudice the interests of consumers by potentially impacting the resilience and reliability of the service that consumers receive from us.

Information of this nature has been redacted from the documents published.

Third Party Information

Certain information contained within the documents published may relate to or has been provided or produced by a third party.

Certain information within these documents relates to a particular third party individual or business. Section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000 provides that such information cannot be disclosed by us save in limited circumstances or with the consent of the individual or person carrying on the business. Information of this nature has been redacted from the documents being published today where we do not have this consent.