

Transmission Planning Code Consultation 2023

To All Customers & Stakeholders

National Gas Transmission owns and operates the gas National Transmission System (NTS) and we have a duty to plan and develop the system in an economic and efficient manner. This Transmission Planning Code (TPC) describes our approach to planning and developing the NTS in accordance with our duties as a gas transporter and other statutory obligations relating to safety and environmental matters.

We will publish this document, following approval by Ofgem, in accordance with Special Condition 9.11 of National Gas's Transporter Licence (the Licence). We must comply with the TPC in planning and developing the NTS.

The Licence also requires that we must review the TPC at least every two years, including consultation with the gas industry. Any modifications to this code must be approved by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority) before they can be implemented.

As part of the March '23 Energy Security Plan, the Government set out the steps it was taking to ensure the UK is more energy independent, secure, and resilient. This set out a need for a review of the existing gas infrastructure standards that inform network capability, and by extension availability and reliability, of associated network assets to accept and efficiently transport the gas supplies to meet demand.

We have been working with DESNZ following the publication of the Energy Security Plan, to both highlight the current level of resilience of our infrastructure and how we may maintain resilience through the energy transition. Amendments to the current TPC can go some way to delivering a standardised approach to how we plan and develop the NTS in response to both capability and resilience requirements.

These resilience discussions with DESNZ have considered a more standardised approach to building and using supply/demand scenarios and the need for ensuring sufficient resilience across our assets. We have reflected our proposals that we shared as part of the resilience discussions within the proposed clarifications to TPC.

We look forward to receiving customer and stakeholder feedback on the changes to TPC this year, by 17th October '23, with the aim to reflect any feedback in our final version before seeking Ofgem approval to allow us to publish the document later this year.

Thank you in advance for your engagement and input,



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