

Industry update from Ofgem – up to date as of 4 February 2019

GB Gas Storage facilities

9th January 2019

We have published information regarding the existing, operational gas storage facilities in GB, and those due to become operational in 2019.

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/01/181207_storage_update_website.pdf

Statutory consultation on licence modifications in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal

14th January 2019

This statutory consultation sets out the modifications we propose to make, in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal, to ensure licences are fit for purpose. The proposed modifications set out in the accompanying documents will only be made in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal. Alongside responses to this consultation, we will consider material developments in the terms on which the UK will exit the EU and the status of the legislative changes being put in place by the UK Government before issuing our final modification direction. Responses are due on or before 15 February 2019.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/statutory-consultation-licence-modifications-event-uk-leaves-eu-without-deal>

Authority decision to derogate BBL Company (BBL) from certain Articles of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/460

18th January 2019

Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/460 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (TAR) allows merchant interconnectors to seek derogation for articles that could jeopardise their efficient operation. On the 4 October 2018, BBL Company (BBL) submitted an application for derogation pursuant to Article 37 of TAR. This letter outlines our decision granting BBL derogation from certain articles of TAR and our reasons for doing so in line with the criteria in Article 37.

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/01/190118_ofgem_bbl_derogation_decision.pdf

UNC0678 - Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime – request for urgency (UNC678)

25th January 2019

Authority decision on urgency of UNC678 'Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime'. The Authority issued this decision on 25 January 2019:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/unc0678-amendments-gas-transmission-charging-regime-request-urgency-unc678>

Publication of Baringa's Analytical Work

25th January 2019

We asked Baringa to provide analytical support to inform our impact assessment of the UNC621 (amendments to the gas charging regime) proposals. We rejected the UNC621 proposals as they were not compliant with the Tariff Network Code. As we concluded that the UNC621 proposals were not compliant and should not be implemented, it was not necessary for us to carry out an impact assessment.

We have published Baringa's analytical support work for information. The findings of the report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Authority.

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/01/ofgem_gas_charging_review_baringa_report_final.pdf