

**Gas System  
Operator**

# Capacity Access Review

**Transmission Workgroup**  
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# Context

- In their RIIO2 Sector Specific Consultation, Ofgem considered asking NG to review particular access arrangements to the NTS as part of our RIIO2 business plans.
- In their Decision Document, Ofgem states that this access review should be carried out systematically and not form part of our RIIO2 business plan. However, they are keen for this review to continue.
- We made proposals in relation to access arrangements via our recent review of capacity methodology statements.
- These proposals were recently approved by Ofgem on 22/7/19, and we note that (at the time of writing) a decision on UNC modification proposal 667 is still pending.
- National Grid are now wanting to continue to review access arrangements with industry.

# Scope & Governance

- The access review remains undefined at this time.
  - Assumption that the review is limited to capacity arrangements
- Some issues have been raised by industry so far through the various avenues of engagement open over the past 6 months or so, however more work needs to be done to define the scope.
- NG are considering to raise a “request” in the autumn that could address issues raised for consideration.
  - Prior to that, at September’s Transmission Workgroup, we propose to have a workgroup discussion to define the scope and issues for inclusion in the “request”
  - Asks for workgroup:
    - Do you agree with this approach?
    - Could workgroup participants come to September’s Transmission Workgroup with thoughts on the potential content of the capacity access review Request?