

Industry update from Ofgem – up to date as of 2 January 2020

Initial impact assessment and minded to position on arrangements for accessing Licence Baseline Exit Capacity at Bacton Interconnection Point

On 9 December 2019 we published a draft impact assessment and a minded to position on arrangements for accessing Licence Baseline Exit Capacity at Bacton Interconnection Point. The draft impact assessment sets out the impacts associated with three options: 'Do nothing', 'Aggregate the Bacton (IUK) and Bacton (BBL) exit point' and 'Reallocate some of the existing baseline exit capacity at Bacton (IUK) to Bacton (BBL)'. We are minded to amend the licence in order to aggregate the two exit points. We welcome responses and evidence (where possible) to the questions set out in the consultation document or any other relevant data, including our approach to conducting the impact assessment by the end of Monday, 10 February 2019.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/initial-impact-assessment-and-minded-position-arrangements-accessing-licence-baseline-exit-capacity-bacton-interconnection-point>

Call for Evidence on the Electricity Transmission, Gas Transmission, Gas Distribution and Electricity System Operator Business Plans for RIIO-2

On 13 December 2019 we published a call for evidence which seeks stakeholder views on any aspect of the network company final Business Plans published in December 2019. We welcome views by Monday 10 February 2020 using the online pro-forma via this link. Unless clearly marked as confidential, responses will be published on our website. The call for evidence may inform the topics we raise in the Open Hearing (March 2020).

URL: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/01/call_for_evidence_final.pdf

Forward Work Programme 2020-22 consultation

On 20 December 2019 we published a consultation document which sets out our planned Forward Work Programme for the extended period of 2020-22. The consultation document is a representation of activities that we may carry out, based on our strategic objectives and affordability, with a particular focus on how we effectively gather, store, use and share data, to deliver our regulatory remit. Your views on how we can ensure that all consumers receive fair, competitive services from the energy market are welcome by noon on Friday, 21 February 2020.

URL: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/12/fwp_programme_2020_22_web.pdf

Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime: minded to decision and draft impact assessment

On 23 December 2019 we published our Gas Transmission Charging Review minded to decision and draft impact assessment. We have fully assessed all the modifications against a series of principles (including compliance) and concluded that 2 out of 11 modifications are compliant with the relevant legislation (i.e. TAR NC and Gas Regulation 715/2009). Our preference is for proposal UNC678A. We are now consulting on proposed amendments to the Gas Transmission Charging Regime. We welcome responses from all interested parties by 24 February 2020. We propose that the implementation of a reformed regime should take place from 1 October 2020.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/amendments-gas-transmission-charging-regime-minded-decision-and-draft-impact-assessment>