

## 5 Solution

### Business Rules for the COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme for Shippers

#### Eligibility Criterion and Application

Applications to be part of the scheme shall only be made in the Application Window for that Billing Period (Billing Period Application Window) which shall be the last five Business Days of the Billing Period. [\[See definition of Relevant BP Application Window and paragraph 8.3\(a\).\]](#)

A Shipper User who has applied and satisfies the following COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Eligibility Criterion will be defined as an Eligible Shipper for that Billing Period only. [\[See definition of Eligible User and paragraphs 8.4 and 8.5. Note: no requirement to link to a particular Transporter – no different to the approach in UNC in relation to a 'User'.\]](#)

A Shipper applying to be an Eligible Shipper shall provide the following minimum information: the Shipper Short Code(s) for which they are applying; a valid email address for each of the contact person(s) dealing with the scheme; a valid mobile phone number for each of the contact person(s) dealing with the scheme. [\[See paragraph 8.2.\]](#)

*For information Shippers need to apply for each Billing Period, applications do not carry over from one Billing Period to the next.* [\[See paragraph 8.5.\]](#)

No new Shippers shall be admitted to the scheme for a Billing Period after the end of the Application Window for that Billing Period.

The COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Eligibility Criterion for each Billing Periods is:

Neither the Shipper themselves, nor any member of their corporate group have an investment grade credit rating <a href="#">[See paragraph 8.3(c).]</a>
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The test will use the definition of an Approved Credit Rating in UNC TPD V3.1.1 (b), this means a company that has a rating from a rating agency other than the three listed or a rating from the three listed that are below the minimum listed will not be considered to have an investment grade credit rating (IGR).

The test for all Billing Periods is that an IGR is not in place on 01 June 2020. [\[See paragraph 8.3\(c\).\]](#)

The test relates to both wholly owned and partially owned subsidiaries whether that be majority or minority shareholdings as this is consistent with the definition of Parent Company in UNC TPD V3.4.5.

#### Shippers with pre-payment agreements

A Shipper with an agreement with any of the GTs to pre-pay invoices as envisaged by UNC TPD V3.2.1 (b) ii shall not be permitted to participate in the scheme if the Shipper User operates under a Pre-Payment Agreement and the Shipper User has made a pre-payment

for the Billing Period for which it is applying to be admitted to the scheme. [\[See paragraph 8.6.\]](#)

### **Administration of eligibility by CDSP**

The decision as to which Shipper Users qualify to be Eligible Shippers shall be made by the CDSP strictly in accordance with the COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Eligibility Criterion, whose decision shall be final and binding. [\[See paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4.\]](#)

The CDSP shall notify Shippers whether they qualify as Eligible Shippers for that Billing Period once a decision has been made and shall communicate the list of Eligible Shippers for that Billing Period to the GTs immediately after the end of the Billing Period. [\[See paragraph 8.4.\]](#)

### **Warranty by Shippers**

Eligible Shippers will warrant that they will not pay dividends or executive bonuses until all the deferred charges plus interest are repaid. [\[See paragraphs 12.4 and 12.5.\]](#)

*For information breach of the warranty shall have the same consequences as a failure to pay the amounts due on the Extended Invoice Due Dates 1 or 2.*

### **Applicable Invoice**

An Applicable Invoice is limited to the following invoices and charges issued in respect of the Billing Period (trading done in) June, July, and August 2020: [\[See definition of Relevant BP.\]](#)

- For Gas Distribution Networks; an LDZ Capacity invoice, and
- For National Grid NTS:
  - an NTS Entry Capacity Invoice,
  - an NTS Exit Capacity Invoice for the Invoice Items / charge types relating to Shipper Users only, and
  - on the Commodity Invoice, the NTS Invoice Items:
    - NTS Entry Commodity Charges,
    - NTS Exit (Flat) Commodity Charges and
    - NTS Optional Commodity Charges.

[\[See definition of Relevant Invoice, Relevant Invoice Amounts and Relevant Invoice Items.\]](#)

The UNC will need to allow for these Applicable Invoices to be one invoice with multiple payment dates and notifications as described in this solution. UNC TPD Section S1.5 will probably need to be amended to allow Applicable Invoices to be Divided Invoices and to provide for the relevant notices and the payment dates within that amendment. [\[See paragraph 10.1\(a\).\]](#)

### **Extended Invoice Due Dates**

Two new concepts of an ‘**Extended Invoice Due Date 1 (EIDD1)**’ and ‘**Extended Invoice Due Date 2 (EIDD2)**’ will be introduced to supplement the existing Invoice Due Date as defined in UNC TPD Section S3.1.2. These will be the dates shown in table 1 below. All

existing provisions applying to Invoice Due Dates shall apply to EIDD1 and EIDD2 unless specifically amended by this Solution. [See definition of First Deferred Payment Date and Second Deferred Payment Date and Table 1.](#)

**Table 1: Extended Invoice Due Dates**

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***For the avoidance of doubt and for information only:***

***The extended payment dates in terms of the number of days after the Day on which the Invoice Document was deemed to be received in accordance with UNC GT Section B5 or D5 is shown in table 2 below but table 1 showing Extended Invoice Due Dates above is what will go into the Legal Text.***

**Table 2: Extended Payment dates (number of days)**

Billing Period	Extended Invoice Due Date 1 (number of Days after the Day on which Invoice Document was deemed to be received in accordance with UNC GT Section B5 or D5)	Extended Invoice Due Date 2 (number of Days after the Day on which Invoice Document was deemed to be received in accordance with UNC GT Section B5 or D5)
June 2020	90	120
July 2020	120	150
August 2020	150	180

*For information, half the deferred amount will be paid on Extended Invoice Due Date 1 and half the deferred amount will be paid on Extended Invoice Due Date 2, to smooth the payment profile.*

[\[See Table 1.\]](#)

### **Caps and calculation of amount to be paid on Extended Invoice Due Dates**

For any Eligible Shipper, the Shipper Billing Period Cap shall be as shown in the table below. The sum of the values of the Applicable Invoices that are due to be paid on the Extended Invoice Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 to the GT shall not exceed the Shipper Billing Period Cap for that GT for that Billing Period. [\[See Table 2.\]](#)

**Table 3: Shipper Billing Period Cap**

Gas Transporter	Shipper Billing Period Cap (SBPC) in £ for the relevant Applicable Invoices	Sum of Shipper Billing Period Caps (for	Constituent LDZs
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	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	information) in £	
<b>Wales and West Utilities</b>	326,086	336,957	336,957	1,000,000	SW, WS, WN (including Llanfyllin and Llanwrtyd Wells networks)
<b>Northern Gas Networks</b>	326,086	336,957	336,957	1,000,000	NO, NE
<b>SGN</b> (Total for Southern Gas Networks and Scotland Gas Networks) (1)	652,174	673,913	673,913	2,000,000	SO, SE, SC (including Scottish independent Undertakings LO (Oban), LC (Campbeltown), LW (Wick), LT (Thurso), LS (Stranraer))
<b>Cadent</b>	1,304,348	1,347,826	1,347,826	4,000,000	NT, WM, EM, EA, NW
<b>National Grid NTS</b>	326,086	336,957	336,957	1,000,000	Not applicable

(1) In respect of SGN, the Shipper Billing Cap is shown at a total level, shared equally between Scotland Gas Networks and Southern Gas Networks

For each GT, for each Billing Period, the sum of the values of the Applicable Invoices that are due to be paid on the Extended Invoice Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 by all Eligible Shippers to that GT shall not exceed the Transporter Billing Period Cap for that GT for that Billing Period shown in Table 4 below. See definitions of Actual Deferred Payment Amount, First Deferred Payment Amount and Second Deferred Payment Amount, and calculation of Initial Minimum Payment Amount and Actual Minimum Payment Amount.

**Table 4: Transporter Billing Period Caps** [\[See Table 3.\]](#)

Applicable Invoice Type and Gas Transporter	Transporter Billing Period Cap £M			Sum of Transporter Billing Period Caps (for information, £M)	Constituent LDZs
DNOs LDZ Capacity Invoice for stated Billing Period	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020		
<b>Wales and West Utilities</b>	4.076086	4.211957	4.211957	12.500000	SW, WS, WN (including Llanfyllin and Llanwrtyd Wells networks)
<b>Northern Gas Networks</b>	4.076086	4.211957	4.211957	12.500000	NO, NE
<b>SGN</b> (Total for Southern Gas Networks and Scotland Gas Networks) (1)	8.152174	8.423913	8.423913	25.000000	SO, SE, SC (including Scottish independent Undertakings LO (Oban), LC (Campbeltown), LW (Wick), LT (Thurso), LS (Stranraer))
<b>Cadent</b>	16.304348	16.847826	16.847826	50.000000	NT, WM, EM, EA, NW
<b>National Grid NTS</b>					
NTS Entry Capacity Charges and NTS Exit Capacity Charges (2)	0.434666	0.449155 (3)	0.449155 (3)		Not applicable
NTS Entry	2.096125	2.165996	2.165996		Not applicable

Commodity Charges (2)		(3)	(3)		
NTS Exit (Flat)	1.545296	1.596806	1.596806		Not applicable
Commodity Charges and NTS Optional Commodity Charges (2)		(3)	(3)		

- (1) The Transporter Billing Period Cap in relation to Scotland Gas Networks and Southern Gas Networks is shown at a total level, with the network allocation based upon eligible applications received in respect of each Billing Period to optimise the relief available. See Adjustment of Transporter Billing Period Caps below for further detail. For the avoidance of doubt the Transporter Billing Period Caps for Cadent, NGN and WWU will be applied at a company level. [\[See definitions of Eligible User SGN Cap and SGN Cap and paragraphs 9.1\(f\)\(ii\) and 9.2.\]](#)
- (2) initial division of the £12.5m aggregate cap for National Grid between the relevant Transportation Charges is based upon the number of days in the relevant Billing Period and the proportions collected via the Applicable Charges in the whole of Gas Year 2019/20. It is worthy of note that in this calculation, NTS Exit Capacity charges only included those levied to shippers and therefore excluded those amounts levied to Gas Distribution Networks.
- (3) for National Grid only, the values outlined in the table above for July and August are indicative, any 'un-utilised' Billing Period cap in the June and July Billing Periods will be added to the overall cap for the following Billing Period allowing the required flexibility for the Relief scheme to be effectively targeted. See Adjustment of Transporter Billing Period Caps below for further detail. [\[See definition of Eligible User NTS Cap.\]](#)

### **Minimum Payment and Eligible Shipper cap**

An Eligible Shipper is required to pay by the Invoice Due Date (the '**Minimum Payment**') the greater of:

- 25% of the value of an Applicable Invoice; and
- the value of the Applicable Invoice minus the Shipper Billing Period Cap (SBPC)

*For information this is the effect of the Shipper cap and means that Shippers that are subject to the Shipper cap have to make a higher upfront payment than the minimum. [\[See calculation of Initial Minimum Payment Amount.\]](#)*

### **For National Grid NTS only**

*For information in the case of National Grid NTS, the SBPC is a value applied over the Billing Period hence it will be reduced by any SBPC 'utilised' in respect of Applicable Invoice/s for the same Billing Period issued earlier in the month.*

Where, in the case of National Grid NTS, there is more than one Applicable Invoice, for the second Applicable Invoice, the Eligible Shipper is required to pay by the Invoice Due Date (the '**Minimum Payment**') the greater of

- 25% of the value of the second Applicable Invoice
- and the value of the second Applicable Invoice minus the Remaining Shipper Billing Period Cap (RSBPC),
- where RSBPC is the greater of the SBPC minus the Final Extended Invoice Due Date, (FEIDD) Amount, (see Transporter cap section below) for the first Applicable Invoice; and Zero.

For Information, the FEIDD is defined later in this in the sub-section Transporter cap.

For the third Applicable Invoice the Eligible Shipper is required to pay by the Invoice Due Date (the '**Minimum Payment**') the greater of

- 25% of the value of the third Applicable Invoice; and
- the value of the third Applicable Invoice minus the Remaining Remaining Shipper Billing Period Cap (RRSBPC),
- where RRSBPC is the greater of the RSBPC minus the FEIDD Amount for the second Applicable Invoice; and Zero.

For information table 5 below gives an example of how the above process works for National Grid NTS [\[See calculation of Eligible User NTS Cap.\]](#)

**Table 5: Operation of Supply Billing Period Cap for National Grid NTS**

<b>Shipper Billing Period Cap for June Billing Period (SBPC)</b>				<b>£326,086</b>			
<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Applicable Invoice</b>	<b>Invoice Value</b>	<b>Minimum Payment</b>	<b>SBPC</b>	<b>RSBPC</b>	<b>RRSBPC</b>	<b>FEIDD Amount</b>
04-Jul	NTS Capacity	£185,460	£46,365	£326,086			£139,095
10-Jul	NTS Exit Commodity	£196,000	£49,000		£186,991		£147,000
24-Jul	NTS Entry Commodity	£202,500	£162,509			£39,991	£39,991

**£326,086**

<b>Amounts Due on Invoice Due Dates</b>			
<b>IDD</b>	<b>EIDD1</b>	<b>EIDD2</b>	<b>Total</b>
£46,365	£69,548	£69,548	£185,460
£49,000	£73,500	£73,500	£196,000
£162,509	£19,996	£19,996	£202,500

### **Transporter Billing Period Cap**

The Initial Extended Invoice Due Date Amount (the '**IEIDD Amount**') is the difference between the value of the Applicable Invoice and the Minimum Payment.[\[See definition of Relevant Transporter Cap and calculation of Actual Minimum Payment Amount and definition of Actual Deferred Payment Amount.\]](#)

As soon as reasonably practicable after the issue of the Applicable Invoice, the Transporter shall, where the aggregate of all Shipper Users IEIDD amounts is more than the Transporter Billing Period Cap (TBPC) calculate:

Where the aggregate of all Shipper Users IEIDD amounts:

- exceeds the TBPC; each Eligible Shipper's IEIDD will be reduced by the ratio of the TBPC to the aggregate of all Shipper Users IEIDD amounts. This adjusted value is the Final Extended Invoice Due Date Amount (FEIDD Amount). As a consequence, the Eligible Shipper will make an Additional Minimum Payment equal to the difference between the IEIDD Amount and the FEIDD Amount.

- is less than or equal to the TBPC; the Eligible Shipper's FEIDD Amount will be equal to its IEIDD Amount.

FEIDD Amounts will be payable as follows:

- 50% of the FEIDD Amount is due by Extended Invoice Due Date 1; and
- 50% of the FEIDD Amount is due by Extended Invoice Due Date 2

[See definitions of First Deferred Payment Amount, First Deferred Payment Date, Second Deferred Payment Amount and Second Deferred Payment Date and Table 1.]

In respect of Scotland Gas Networks and Southern Gas Networks that each have a licence, the total TBPC will be allocated between networks based upon the eligible applications received in respect of each Billing Period, in order to optimise the relief available.

[See paragraph 9.2 and Tables 2 and 3.]

As soon as practicable following the issue date of each Applicable Invoice, the relevant GT will issue a notice to the Eligible Shipper to confirm, in respect of each invoice, the amount due to be paid by:

- the Invoice Due Date.
- Extended Invoice Due Date 1; and
- Extended Invoice Due Date 2

[See paragraph 9.1.]

*For information this reflects the effect of the Transporter cap on the relief and if the Transporter cap has effect, it increases the upfront payment required above the minimum.*

Where an Eligible Shipper does not provide sufficient security to satisfy the User's Value at Risk requirement as required by UNC TPD Section V3.2.1(d)(i), then it shall pay the Additional Minimum Payment within 5 Business Days of being notified of its value by the Transporter. Failure to do this shall be a breach of User's Value at Risk (VAR) requirement required by UNC TPD Section V3.2.1(d)(i).

[See paragraph 9.5.]

***For avoidance of doubt, as this amount is only paid by the Shipper because it does not have enough security to pay on the Invoice Due Date, this is not an invoice due date just a notification for information to the Shipper. Failure to pay the Additional Minimum Payment by the required date would result in a VAR breach and subsequent action under UNC Section V3 in respect of VAR breaches.***

Where an Eligible Shipper has made a payment of the full value of the Applicable Invoice before the Invoice Due Date and before the Transporter has notified the Eligible Shipper of the values of the IEIDD Amount and, where required, the FEIDD Amount and the Additional Minimum Payment then the Transporter shall refund the FEIDD Amount to the Shipper within 5 Business Days of calculating its value. The refunded amount shall be deemed to be a refund of an overpayment by the Shipper User, not an adjustment to the invoice under UNC TPD Section S1.8 and the Transporter shall not be liable to pay interest on the amount refunded to the Shipper User (UNC TPD Section S3.5.1 does not apply) and shall not be



required to make a late payment charge (UNC TPD Section S3.6.5 does not apply) in respect of the refund. [\[See paragraph 9.7.\]](#)

*For information, the above provision should not be required if this Modification is implemented by the date proposed.*

### **Security and Surety**

The determination of the User's VAR as required by UNC TPD Section V 3.2.1(d)(i) will be assessed as if the full value of the Applicable Invoice was due and paid on the Invoice Due Date (this is equivalent to the determination of the User's VAR as required by UNC TPD Section V 3.2.1(d)(i) being assessed and operated as if the scheme was not in existence).

The assessment of the aggregate amount invoiced to the User, but remaining unpaid, used in the determination of the User's VAR as required by UNC TPD Section V 3.2.1(d)(i) will not include any such amounts that are due to be paid on either of Extended Invoice Due Date 1 or Extended Invoice Due Date 2 that remain unpaid between the Invoice Due Date and the Extended Invoice Due Date 1 or Extended Invoice Due Date 2 as the case may be.

*Table 6 below summarises the amounts included in the VAR calculation for information*

[\[See paragraph 11.1 and Table 4.\]](#)

**Table 6: Amounts included in VAR calculation**

VAR		Period						
		From	To	From	To	From	To	From
		Issue	IDD or date invoice paid	IDD+1	EIDD1	EIDD1+1	EIDD2	EIDD2+1
Amount Due by	Invoice Due Date (IDD)	In VAR		In VAR		In VAR		In VAR
	Extended Invoice Due Date 1 (EIDD1)	In VAR		Out of VAR		In VAR		In VAR
	Extended Invoice Due Date 2 (EIDD2)	In VAR		Out of VAR		Out of VAR		In VAR

**Adjustment of Transporter Billing Period Caps (TBPC)**

For each Invoice Type for each GT, if the TBPC is exceeded in a Billing Period due to an error in the operation of the scheme then the TBPCs in subsequent Billing Periods will be adjusted by the amount the TPBC was exceeded. The decision about how to make the adjustment shall be made by the relevant GT and it shall publish the revised values of the changed TBPCs by means of a notice published by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters before the end of the relevant following Billing Period. [\[See paragraph 7.2.\]](#)

For any Invoice Type for each GT, if the TBPC is not used in a Billing Period then the TBPCs in subsequent Billing Periods will be adjusted by the remaining unused TBPC amount. The decision about how to make the adjustment shall be made by the relevant GT and it shall publish the revised values of the changed TBPCs by means of a notice published by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters before the end of the relevant following Billing Period. [\[See definitions of DNO Cap, SGN Cap, Unutilised and paragraph 9.1\(f\)\(i\).\]](#)

**In the case of SGN (Scotland Gas Networks and Southern Gas Networks):**

The TBPC of £25m, and the associated monthly breakdown, is a total value across both network licences. Upon receipt of eligible applications, an adjustment will be made to split the total monthly TBPC value across the two network licences in order to best facilitate take-up of the scheme and optimise the relief available to Users. The split may vary between Billing Periods but will not exceed the total monthly TBPC. [\[See paragraph 9.2 and Table 2 and 3.\]](#)

***For the avoidance of doubt, allocation across SGN network licences will be reflected in the Minimum Payment and FEIDD Amounts confirmed to Users as defined above.***

**Sanctions**

In respect of amounts subject to the Extended Invoiced Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 that remain unpaid after the **Invoice Due Date**, the Eligible Shipper **shall not** be

subject to the threat of sanctions in UNC TPD Section S 3.5.3 (prohibition on gaining new Supply Points / new customers and prohibition on capacity increase). [\[See paragraph 10.2.\]](#)

In respect of amounts subject to the Extended Invoiced Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 that remain unpaid after Extended Invoice Due Date 1 or Extended Invoice Due Date 2 as the case may be, the relevant User **shall** be subject to the threat of sanctions (UNC TPD Section S 3.5.3 shall apply). [\[See paragraph 10.2.\]](#)

***For the avoidance of doubt there is no relief from the threat of sanctions for failure to pay non-Applicable Invoices by the Invoice Due Date nor is there relief from the threat of sanctions for failure to pay the amount due for Applicable Invoices due on either Extended Invoice Due Date 1 or Extended Invoice Due Date 2. Note that failure to make these payments results in the Shipper leaving the scheme, see later section of this Solution.***

### **Late payment charges**

In respect of amounts subject to the Extended Invoiced Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 that remain unpaid after the Invoice Due Date, the relevant User will not be subject to a late payment charge (UNC TPD Section S 3.6.5 shall not apply). [\[See paragraph 10.2.\]](#)

In respect of amounts subject to the Extended Invoiced Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 that remain unpaid after Extended Invoice Due Date 1 or Extended Invoice Due Date 2 as the case may be, the relevant User **will** be subject to a late payment charge (UNC TPD Section S 3.6.5 shall apply). [\[See paragraph 10.2.\]](#)

*For information failure to pay the amounts due on Extended Invoice Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 have other consequences detailed in following parts of this solution section.*

### **Interest charges**

*For information there is no legal text relating to interest payments as the existing UNC provisions in UNC TPD S 3.5 on late payment and 3.6 on interest apply un-amended; however, for the avoidance of doubt the following is provided for information.*

*In respect of amounts subject to the Extended Invoiced Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 that remain unpaid after the Invoice Due Date, the relevant User will pay interest at the Applicable Rate as defined in UNC TPD S3.6.4 from the day following Invoice Due Date for as long as the amount remains unpaid.*

*If the amounts due on the Extended Payment Invoice Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 are not paid in full then, for the avoidance of doubt, interest shall continue to be charged at the Applicable Rate as defined in UNC TPD S3.6.4.*

*For information under UNC TPD Section S 3.6.6 Invoices for interest have to be issued within 35 Days (calendar days) of the Day on which payment of the amount due is made.*

[\[See paragraph 10.1\(c\).\]](#)

### **User Default**

Relevant amounts remaining unpaid during, and up to, the Extended Invoice Due Date 1 and Extended Invoice Due Date 2 will not constitute a User Default described in UNC TPD Section V 4.3.1. [\[See paragraph 11.2.\]](#)

### **Cessation of Scheme**

The scheme will cease at the end of the Gas Day on the 03 March 2021 for DNOs and 23 March 2021 for National Grid NTS unless terminated earlier by another provision. [\[See definition of Relevant BP; and TD Part VI paragraphs 7 to 12 only apply in relation to the three Relevant BPs, i.e. June, July and August 2020, and do not operate in relation to any later Billing Period.\]](#)

*For information TPD S3.1.2 requires payments to be made by 24:00 on the Day the invoice is due to be paid; however, a banking day may end earlier than 24:00 and payments should be made in time to be processed by the bank on the due date.*

The scheme will cease for a GT if at any time any entity in that GT's company group will breach any of its financial covenants by continuing to provide the scheme. The GT may at its sole discretion permit deferred payments already agreed to continue to be paid under the terms of the scheme or may require immediate payment of all sums previously deferred under the terms of the scheme. [\[See paragraph 12.1\(b\).\]](#)

Except under the above clause at the GT's sole discretion, upon cessation of the Scheme, any invoice that was classified as an Applicable Invoice under the Scheme that remains unpaid shall be subject to the prevailing UNC provisions following cessation of the Scheme. [\[See paragraph 12.2.\]](#)

The obligation to make payments due under the scheme and pay any invoices and late payments charges and interest due under the scheme survives the cessation of the scheme.

### **Ceasing to be a COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Eligible Shipper**

A Shipper User that fails to pay the amount due of an Applicable Invoice by the Invoice Due date, to any GTs shall immediately cease to be a COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Qualified Shipper for that Billing Period for that GT and all deferred payments for that Billing Period for that GT shall immediately become due and the prevailing UNC terms shall apply to those payments. [\[See paragraphs 12.1\(a\)\(i\) and 12.3.\]](#)

A Shipper User that has breached the Warranty or that fails to pay the value due of an Applicable Invoice by Extended Invoice Due Date 1 or Extended Invoice Due Date 2 to any GT shall immediately cease to be a COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Eligible Shipper for the life of the Scheme for all GTs and all payments deferred under the scheme for all GTs shall immediately become due and the prevailing UNC terms shall apply to those payments. [\[See paragraphs 12.1\(a\)\(ii\), \(iii\) and 12.4.\]](#)

***For the avoidance of doubt these cessations apply for all GTs not just the party that fails to receive the payment by the Extended Invoice Due Date.***

A Shipper User may choose to voluntarily cease being a COVID-19 Liquidity Relief Scheme Eligible Shipper in any Billing Period for a GT and all deferred payments for that Billing Period for that GT shall immediately become due and the prevailing UNC terms shall apply to those payments. [\[See paragraph 12.1\(a\)\(iv\) and paragraph 12.4.\]](#)

***For the avoidance of doubt nothing in the scheme rules prevent a Shipper paying an amount before it is due to be paid.***

A Shipper User that voluntarily ceases to be an Eligible Shipper in any Billing Period may not apply to be an Eligible Shipper in any future Billing Period for all GTs. [\[See paragraph 12.4.\]](#)

All Shippers Users cease to be Eligible Shippers on cessation of the Scheme.

### **Publishing of information**

Notifications that apply to all Eligible Shippers will be posted on the website of the Joint Office of Gas Transporters. [\[See paragraph 7.3 and paragraph 7.4.\]](#)

*For information, notifications and information that is specific to particular Shippers will be communicated between the nominated contacts provided by the Shipper and Transporter under the scheme.*