

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE – TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT

SECTION C – NOMINATIONS

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Nominations

- 1.1.1 Users will nominate quantities of gas for delivery to and offtake from the Total System each Day in accordance with this Section C for the purposes of enabling National Grid NTS to plan and (subject to and in accordance with Section D) carry out the operation of the NTS and Operational Balancing.
- 1.1.2 For the purposes of the Code:
- (a) a "**Nomination**" is a nomination by a User in respect of a quantity of gas to be delivered to or offtaken from the Total System on a Day;
 - (b) a "**Renomination**" is a Nomination which revises an earlier Nomination (including a Renomination) under paragraph 4, and includes a New Renomination (in accordance with paragraph 4.1.9(a)) and a Step Change Renomination (in accordance with paragraph 4.1.9(e));
 - (c) an "**Output**" Nomination is a Nomination in respect of a quantity to be offtaken from the Total System;
 - (d) an "**Input**" Nomination is a Nomination in respect of a quantity to be delivered to the Total System;
 - (e) a "**Nomination Quantity**" is the quantity nominated for delivery or offtake in a User's prevailing Nomination;
 - (f) the "**Nominated Quantity**" is the Nomination Quantity in a User's Nomination prevailing as at the end of the Gas Flow Day;
 - (g) an "**Initial**" Nomination is the initial Nomination made or to be made before the Gas Flow Day (but does not include a New Renomination).
- 1.1.3 References in the Code to a Nomination prevailing at any time before or during the Gas Flow Day are to a Nomination as revised (in accordance with this Section C but not otherwise) up to that time.
- 1.1.4 For the purposes of the Code a Nomination is made by a User where the User has submitted a Nomination which has been approved or deemed to be approved by National Grid NTS in accordance with this Section C.
- 1.1.5 Each User shall use all reasonable endeavours to secure that (without prejudice to paragraphs 2.3.2 and 3.3.2) it makes Initial Nominations and (subject to the provisions of this Section C) Renominations in accordance with this Section C for the quantities in which and rates and times at which it intends or expects to deliver gas to or offtake gas from the Total System each Day.

- 1.1.6 A User may make a Nomination for a quantity of zero (but paragraph 1.1.5 does not require such a Nomination to be made in any case).
- 1.1.7 For the avoidance of doubt, Users are not required to submit nominations to National Grid NTS (or any other Transporter) in respect of gas flows on a Day at a NTS/LDZ Offtake.

1.2 Nomination Timetable

The "**DM Output Nomination Time**", "**NDM Output Nomination Time**", "**Input Nomination Time**" and "**Renomination Start Time**" in relation to the Gas Flow Day shall be the following respective times on the Preceding Day:

DM Output Nomination Time:	13:00
NDM Output Nomination Time:	14:00
Input Nomination Time:	14:30
Renomination Start Time:	15:00

1.3 Nomination balancing

Without prejudice to Section F2, the aggregate quantities of gas nominated by a User's Input Nominations and Output Nominations for a Day need not be equal.

1.4 Supply Point Groups

- 1.4.1 For the purposes of the Code, for each User in relation to each Exit Zone:
- (a) the "**DMA(F) Supply Point Group**" is all of its Registered Firm DMA Supply Point Components in aggregate in that Exit Zone;
 - (b) the "**DMA(I) Supply Point Group**" is all of its Registered Interruptible DMA Supply Point Components in aggregate in that Exit Zone;
 - (c) the "**NDM Supply Point Group**" is all of its Registered NDM Supply Point Components in aggregate in that Exit Zone.
- 1.4.2 "**DMA Supply Point Group**" means a DMA(F) Supply Point Group or a DMA(I) Supply Point Group, and "**Supply Point Group**" means an NDM Supply Point Group or a DMA Supply Point Group.

1.5 NDM Output Nominations

- 1.5.1 In respect of each Day National Grid NTS will, subject to paragraph 4.2.2, on the basis of the daily demand forecasts under Section H5:
- (a) for each User determine in accordance with Section H2 the aggregate of the NDM Supply Meter Point Demands for all Registered NDM Supply Meter Points in each Exit Zone; and

- (b) not later than each Demand Forecast Time (in accordance with Section H5):
 - (i) make or revise on behalf of each User an Output Nomination ("**NDM Output Nomination**") in respect of each NDM Supply Point Group; and
 - (ii) notify to each User the Nomination Quantity under each of its NDM Output Nominations or Renominations so made.
- 1.5.2 The Nomination Quantity under an NDM Output Nomination (including a Renomination thereof) for a User in respect of an NDM Supply Point Group will be the aggregate of the NDM Supply Meter Point Demands for all Registered NDM Supply Point Components in that Exit Zone, determined in accordance with paragraph 1.5.1(a).
- 1.5.3 The CSEP Network Exit Provisions may provide for Output Nominations in respect of a relevant Unmetered Connected System Exit Point to be treated (for such purposes of the Code as are specified in the CSEP Network Exit Agreement) as NDM Output Nominations (and references in the Code to NDM Output Nominations shall be construed accordingly).
- 1.6 Calorific value information**
- 1.6.1 Not later than 11:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day the Transporter will make available to Users:
 - (a) the calorific value applicable (in accordance with GT Section C3.3.1) in respect of each relevant LDZ for the Preceding Day;
 - (b) the Transporter's prevailing estimate of the calorific value applicable (in accordance with GT Section C3.3.1) in respect of each relevant LDZ for the Gas Flow Day.
- 1.6.2 If having failed to comply with paragraph 1.6.1(a) and (b) on any Day, the Transporter does not make available to Users the information in that paragraph by 16:00 on the Gas Flow Day, the Transporter will pay to each User with an associated UDQO in respect of Supply Point(s) in the relevant LDZ on the Preceding Day the amount of £50.
- 1.6.3 Where within 12 calendar months of making information available to Users pursuant to paragraph 1.6.1(a) the Transporter becomes aware that such information is incorrect, the Transporter will recalculate such information for each day during the affected period and make it available to Users within 5 Business Days of the recalculation being complete.
- 1.6.4 Where the Transporter fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1.6.3 above, the Transporter will make a payment to each User with an associated UDQO in respect of Supply Point(s) in the relevant LDZ during the relevant period of the amount of £250.
- 1.6.5 For the purposes of Section V10, the rules in paragraphs 1.6.2 and 1.6.4 are Compensation Rules within Compensation Group B; and in relation thereto the "**payment month**" is the second month following the month in which the relevant information is made available to the User pursuant to paragraph 1.6.3.

1.7 UK Link set-up

Before first submitting a Nomination in respect of any System Point a User must comply with the requirements set out in the UK Link Manual for establishing (for the purposes of UK Link) the User as a user of the relevant System at that System Point.

1.8 Implied Nomination Flow Rate

In respect of any Nomination the "**Implied Nomination Flow Rate**" is the rate (in kWh/ hour) determined as:

- (a) in the case of a Nomination which is not a Renomination, the Nomination Quantity divided by 24;
- (b) in the case of a New Renomination, the Nomination Quantity divided by the period (in hours) from the Renomination Effective Time to the end of the Gas Flow Day;
- (c) in the case of any other Renomination, the Implied Nomination Flow Rate in respect of the Nomination prevailing immediately prior to such Renomination plus (where the Renomination increased the Nomination Quantity) or minus (where the Renomination decreased the Nomination Quantity) an incremental hourly rate determined as the Renomination Quantity divided by the period (in hours) from the Renomination Effective Time to the end of the Gas Flow Day.

1.9 Hour-bar assumption

- 1.9.1 For the purposes of the Code it shall be assumed that any change in the rate of delivery of gas to or offtake of gas from the Total System by a User will occur on the hour.
- 1.9.2 The Renomination Effective Time of any Renomination shall be in accordance with paragraph 1.9.1.

1.10 Nomination Approval

Where under this Section C a Nomination (other than an NDM Output Nomination) is approved or deemed to be approved by National Grid NTS:

- (a) the Nomination Quantity under such Nomination shall not subsequently be revised (other than by the User in accordance with this Section C);
- (b) subject to paragraph (a), such approval or deemed approval shall not amount to a waiver by National Grid NTS of any failure of the Nomination to comply with any requirement of this Section C.

1.11 DNO Users

In this Section C references to Users exclude DNO Users other than a DNO User in its capacity as an LDZ Shrinkage Provider.

2 OUTPUT NOMINATIONS

2.1 Basis of nominations

A User nominating quantities of gas for offtake on the Gas Flow Day from the Total System shall make Output Nominations subject to and in accordance with this paragraph 2.

2.2 Procedure and restrictions

2.2.1 The User shall submit a separate Output Nomination ("**DM Output Nomination**") in respect of:

- (a) each Connected System Exit Point;
- (b) each Registered DMC Supply Point Component;
- (c) each DMA(F) Supply Point Group;
- (d) each DMA(I) Supply Point Group.

2.2.2 Each DM Output Nomination shall specify:

- (a) the Gas Flow Day;
- (b) the identity of the User;
- (c) the System Exit Point, or (in the case of a DMA Supply Point Group) the Exit Zone; and
- (d) the quantity of gas nominated for offtake.

2.2.3 A User shall not submit a DM Output Nomination:

- (a) in respect of an NTS System Exit Point at which, under the prevailing Maintenance Programme, gas is not to be available for offtake from the relevant System on the Gas Flow Day; or
- (b) in respect of a relevant Connected System Exit Point or (subject to paragraph 2.2.5) DMC Supply Point Component, if the Implied Nomination Flow Rate exceeds:
 - (i) in the case of a DMC Supply Point Component, the Supply Point Offtake Rate pursuant to Section G;
 - (ii) in the case of a relevant Connected System Exit Point, any limit specified in the CSEP Network Exit Provisions for the purposes of this paragraph 2.2.3.

2.2.4 The relevant provisions of the CSEP Network Exit Provisions shall apply in addition to and (where in conflict with) instead of the provisions of this Section C as respects Output Nominations in respect of a Connected System Exit Point.

2.2.5 In relation to a DMC Supply Point Component which comprises Shared Supply Meter Point(s), paragraph 2.2.3(b)(i) shall apply only if the aggregate of the Implied

Nomination Flow Rates exceeds the aggregate of the Supply Point Offtake Rates in respect of all of the DMC Supply Point Components which comprise the same Shared Supply Meter Point(s).

- 2.2.6 If in respect of a System Exit Point, a User has not made a DM Output Nomination in respect of the Gas Flow Day, the User shall be deemed to have made a DM Output Nomination of zero at the Relevant Output Nomination Time.

2.3 Timing

- 2.3.1 Initial DM Output Nominations may be submitted no earlier than 30 Days before the Gas Flow Day and no later than the Relevant Output Nomination Time.
- 2.3.2 Initial DM Output Nominations will not be treated as made before the Relevant Output Nomination Time; and Users may, up to but (subject to paragraph 4) not after the Relevant Output Nomination Time, amend or replace Initial DM Output Nominations already submitted.
- 2.3.3 The "**Relevant Output Nomination Time**" is:
- (a) in respect of a Storage Connection Point the Input Nomination Time;
 - (b) except as provided in paragraph (a), the DM Output Nomination Time.

2.4 Nomination approval or rejection

- 2.4.1 National Grid NTS may reject or (in its discretion) approve a DM Output Nomination which is not submitted in accordance with, or does not comply with:
- (a) the requirements in paragraph 2.2; or
 - (b) the requirements in paragraph 2.3.1.
- 2.4.2 National Grid NTS will not approve or reject Initial DM Output Nominations before the Relevant Output Nomination Time.
- 2.4.3 If in respect of any System Exit Point:
- (a) a User has not submitted an Initial DM Output Nomination by the Relevant Output Nomination Time; or
 - (b) National Grid NTS has rejected an Initial DM Output Nomination submitted by a User,

the User shall have failed to make a Nomination (but without prejudice to any New Renomination) and (where relevant) the provisions of Section E4 as to Unauthorised Gas Flows shall apply.

- 2.4.4 An Initial DM Output Nomination submitted to National Grid NTS which has not been rejected (in accordance with paragraph 2.4.1) within 60 minutes after the Relevant Output Nomination Time shall be deemed to have been approved.

2.5 NDM Output Nominations

- 2.5.1 Output Nominations in relation to NDM Supply Point Groups will be made in accordance with paragraph 1.5, and deemed for the purposes of paragraph 1.1.4 to be made by the User; and the User shall not submit such Nominations.
- 2.5.2 In accordance with paragraph 1.5, National Grid NTS will notify to each User its Initial NDM Output Nominations no later than the NDM Output Nomination Time.

3 INPUT NOMINATIONS

3.1 Basis of nominations

- 3.1.1 A User nominating quantities of gas for delivery to the Total System on the Gas Flow Day shall make Input Nominations subject to and in accordance with this paragraph 3.

3.2 Procedure and restrictions

- 3.2.1 The User shall submit a separate Input Nomination in respect of each System Entry Point.
- 3.2.2 Each Input Nomination shall specify:
 - (a) the Gas Flow Day;
 - (b) the identity of the User;
 - (c) the System Entry Point;
 - (d) the quantity of gas nominated for delivery; and
 - (e) either the volume or the calorific value of the gas to be delivered.
- 3.2.3 A User shall not submit an Input Nomination in respect of a NTS System Entry Point at which, under the prevailing Maintenance Programme, gas is not to be delivered to the Total System on the Gas Flow Day.
- 3.2.4 If in respect of a System Entry Point located on the NTS, a User has not made an Input Nomination in respect of the Gas Flow Day, the User shall be deemed to have made an Input Nomination of zero at the relevant Input Nomination Time.

3.3 Timing

- 3.3.1 Initial Input Nominations may be submitted no earlier than 30 Days before the Gas Flow Day and no later than the Input Nomination Time.
- 3.3.2 Initial Input Nominations will not be treated as made before the Input Nomination Time; and Users may, up to but (subject to paragraphs 4 and 5) not after the Input Nomination Time, amend or replace Initial Input Nominations already submitted.

3.4 Approval and rejection

- 3.4.1 National Grid NTS may reject or (in its discretion) approve an Input Nomination:

- (a) which is not submitted in accordance with, or does not comply with, the requirements in paragraph 3.2, or which specifies a calorific value, or a volume which implies a calorific value, which is not in compliance with the applicable Gas Entry Conditions in accordance with Section I2.4;
 - (b) which is not submitted in accordance with, or does not comply with, the requirements in paragraph 3.3.1.
- 3.4.2 National Grid NTS will not approve or reject Initial Input Nominations before the Input Nomination Time.
- 3.4.3 If in respect of any System Entry Point:
- (a) a User has not submitted an Initial Input Nomination by the Input Nomination Time; or
 - (b) National Grid NTS has rejected an Initial Input Nomination submitted by a User,
- the User shall have failed to make a Nomination (but without prejudice to any New Renomination) and (where relevant) the provisions of Section E4 as to Unauthorised Gas Flows shall apply.
- 3.4.4 An Initial Input Nomination submitted to National Grid NTS which has not been rejected (in accordance with paragraph 3.4.1) within 60 minutes after the Input Nomination Time shall be deemed to have been approved.

4 RENOMINATION

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 A User may not withdraw or, except as provided in paragraph 4.1.2, revise or replace an Output Nomination after the Relevant Output Nomination Time or an Input Nomination after the Input Nomination Time.
- 4.1.2 Subject to paragraph 4.1.3, a Nomination may be revised by a Renomination.
- 4.1.3 A User shall not be entitled to make a Renomination:
- (a) (except in the case of a New Renomination) in respect of a System Point in respect of which the User has not made an earlier Nomination;
 - (b) earlier than the Renomination Start Time, or later than 04:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day;
 - (c) in the circumstances in Section D2.3.4;
 - (d) if the Implied Nomination Flow Rate (in the case of a Step Change Renomination in respect of any hour of the Day) is less than zero.
- 4.1.4 Without prejudice to Section I3.10.3, a User shall secure that it has not made a Renomination in respect of a System Entry Point under which the Implied Nomination Flow Rate exceeds 1/24 of the User's Available NTS Entry Capacity.

- 4.1.5 A Renomination shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph 2.2 or 3.2 (as appropriate), and shall in addition specify:
- (a) (except in the case of a New Renomination) the previous Nomination in respect of which it is made; and
 - (b) the Renomination Effective Time (in compliance with paragraph 4.1.9).
- 4.1.6 National Grid NTS may reject or approve a Renomination in accordance with paragraph 2.4.1(a) or 3.4.1(a); and where National Grid NTS rejects a Renomination the prevailing Nomination (if any) shall remain in place.
- 4.1.7 A Renomination submitted to National Grid NTS which has not been rejected (in accordance with paragraph 4.1.6):
- (a) within 60 minutes after it was submitted; or
 - (b) in the case of a VLDMC Supply Point Component or a relevant Connected System Exit Point only, by the Renomination Effective Time, if earlier
- shall be deemed to have been approved as respects paragraph 2.4.1(a) or 3.4.1(a).
- 4.1.8 An approved Renomination (other than a New Renomination) shall replace the previous Nomination (but without prejudice to the application of this Section C in respect of the previous Nomination until the Renomination Effective Time).
- 4.1.9 For the purposes of the Code:
- (a) a "**New Renomination**" is an original Nomination in accordance with paragraph 4.1.11;
 - (b) the "**Renomination Quantity**" in respect of a Renomination is the amount by which the Nomination Quantity under an earlier Nomination was revised by such Renomination or, in the case of a New Renomination, the Nomination Quantity;
 - (c) the "**Renomination Effective Time**" in respect of a Renomination (other than an NDM Output Nomination) is the time (within the Gas Flow Day) with effect from which the change in gas flow rate (at the relevant System Point) in respect of which the Renomination is made is to occur.
 - (d) a "**Step Change Renomination**" is a Renomination which specifies the Nomination Quantity for each remaining hour of the Day.
- 4.1.10 The Renomination Effective Time of a Renomination shall:
- (a) in the case of a System Point other than a VLDMC Supply Point Component or a relevant Connected System Exit Point, be not less than 60 minutes;
 - (b) in the case of a VLDMC Supply Point Component or a relevant Connected System Exit Point, be not less than 15 minutes
- after the time at which the Renomination is submitted (and shall in addition comply with paragraph 1.9.2).

4.1.11 Where a User has not made an earlier:

- (a) Input Nomination for the Gas Flow Day in respect of a System Entry Point the User may make an original Input Nomination; or
- (b) Output Nomination for the Gas Flow Day in respect of a DMC Supply Point Component, an eligible Connected System Exit Point or DMA Supply Point Component, the User may make an original Output Renomination (in respect thereof)

for a Nomination Quantity determined by the User.

4.2 Renominations: Output Nominations

4.2.1 With effect from each Demand Forecast Time (after the NDM Output Nomination Time):

- (a) National Grid NTS will by making a Renomination revise on behalf of each User its NDM Output Nomination for each NDM Supply Point Group in accordance with paragraph 1.5;
- (b) each User's NDM Output Nomination in respect of each relevant Unmetered Connected System Exit Point shall be revised in accordance with the applicable CSEP Network Exit Provisions.

4.2.2 A User may (subject to paragraph 4.1.3) make a Step Change Renomination.

4.2.3 Users are required to make Renominations in respect of Supply Points in respect of which the Transporter requires or ceases to require Interruption under Section G6.8.

4.3 Renomination review

4.3.1 National Grid NTS shall not be required to determine whether a Renomination when made complies with the requirements of this paragraph 4 or Section I3.10, and may accept a non-compliant Renomination, but National Grid NTS may reject a Renomination which does not so comply.

4.3.2 National Grid NTS will, after the Gas Flow Day, keep under review (on a sample basis) Renominations made by Users; and (without prejudice to any other entitlement of National Grid NTS under the Code) where it appears to National Grid NTS that a User may have made one or more Renominations which materially or persistently failed to comply with the requirements of this paragraph 4 or Section I3.10:

- (a) National Grid NTS will invite the User to provide to National Grid NTS reasonable evidence that the Renomination(s) were compliant, and/or to provide to National Grid NTS such information as the User may (in the light of paragraph (b)) wish;
- (b) if National Grid NTS is not thereby reasonably satisfied that the User did not materially or persistently fail to comply with the requirements of this paragraph 4 or Section I3.10, National Grid NTS will submit to the Authority a report identifying the User and containing details of the possible failure to comply together with any information provided by the User under paragraph (a); and

- (c) National Grid NTS will not be required to take any further action in respect of the possible failure to comply.

5 TRADE NOMINATIONS

5.1 Basis of Trade Nominations

- 5.1.1 Where two Users, or (in accordance with paragraph 5.3) National Grid NTS and a User, agree to do so, they may make in respect of any Day corresponding nominations (respectively a "**Disposing Trade Nomination**" and an "**Acquiring Trade Nomination**") for the purposes of paragraph 5.1.3, subject to and in accordance with this paragraph 5.
- 5.1.2 The quantities subject to a Disposing Trade Nomination and an Acquiring Trade Nomination (each a "**Trade Nomination**") must be equal.
- 5.1.3 The quantity ("**Trade Nomination Quantity**") subject to corresponding Trade Nominations will (in accordance with Section E5) be:
 - (a) deducted in determining the Daily Imbalance of the User making the Disposing Trade Nomination; and
 - (b) added in determining the Daily Imbalance of the User making the Acquiring Trade Nomination.
- 5.1.4 For the purposes of the Code (and without prejudice to any terms as between Users, with which National Grid NTS shall not be concerned) a Trade Nomination shall have no other effect than under paragraph 5.1.3.
- 5.1.5 A User may make a Trade Nomination irrespective of whether the User makes any Input Nomination or Output Nomination for the Day in respect of which the Trade Nomination is made.
- 5.1.6 For the purposes of the Code a Trade Nomination is made by a User where the User has submitted a Trade Nomination which has not been rejected by National Grid NTS in accordance with this Section C.

5.2 Content, timing and procedure

- 5.2.1 A Trade Nomination shall specify:
 - (a) the Gas Flow Day;
 - (b) the identity of the User;
 - (c) whether it is a Disposing Trade Nomination or an Acquiring Trade Nomination;
 - (d) the identity of the User making the corresponding Trade Nomination; and
 - (e) the Trade Nomination Quantity.
- 5.2.2 A Trade Nomination may not be made:

- (a) earlier than 30 Days before the Gas Flow Day;
 - (b) later than 04:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day.
- 5.2.3 A Trade Nomination shall not be effective and shall be rejected by National Grid NTS:
- (a) if it does not comply with paragraph 5.2.1;
 - (b) if the corresponding Trade Nomination is not submitted, in compliance with paragraph 5.2.1:
 - (i) where the first Trade Nomination was submitted before the Gas Flow Day, by 07:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day;
 - (ii) otherwise, within 60 minutes before or after the first Trade Nomination was made;
 - (c) if the Trade Nomination Quantity and the quantity subject to the corresponding Trade Nomination are not equal;
 - (d) in accordance with Section V3.
- 5.2.4 A Trade Nomination may be withdrawn by the User who submitted it at any time before the Gas Flow Day, but may not be amended or withdrawn within the Gas Flow Day (but without prejudice to any subsequent Trade Nomination).
- 5.3 System Trade Nominations**
- 5.3.1 Where National Grid NTS and a User (a "**System Trade User**") so agree, they may make corresponding Trade Nominations ("**System Trade Nominations**").
- 5.3.2 The Trade Nomination Quantity pursuant to a System Trade Nomination shall be deemed to be sold and purchased pursuant to a System Clearing Contract:
- (a) which shall arise upon the System Trade Nominations becoming effective and which shall be deemed fully performed;
 - (b) for the purposes of which:
 - (i) where the System Trade User made the Disposing Trade Nomination, National Grid NTS is buyer and the System Trade User is seller;
 - (ii) where the System Trade User made the Acquiring Trade Nomination, National Grid NTS is seller and the System Trade User is buyer;
 - (c) in relation to which there shall be no Clearing Price (as the System Trade Contract is effective pursuant to the agreement between National Grid NTS and the User to make the System Trade Nominations).
- 5.3.3 In relation to the System Trade User, the Trade Nomination Quantity pursuant to a System Trade Nomination shall be treated in accordance with paragraph 5.1.3.

- 5.3.4 National Grid NTS may agree with the System Trade User that the Trade Nomination to be made by National Grid NTS shall (for the purposes of paragraph 5.2) be deemed to be submitted at the same time as that to be submitted by the System Trade User.

