

UNC 0859:

Mod Title: Reintroduction of the enhanced pressure service and increased MNEPOR for BBLC (as introduced by UNC0814)



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Why change?



- Urgent Modification 0814 introduced a time limited solution for BBLC to gain access to the existing enhanced pressure service at the Bacton Exit IP and increase their MNEPOR.
- These contractual arrangements expired as of 05:00 on 1st October 2023 and BBLC and its shippers did not have an opportunity to utilise the service due to unforeseen delays in implementation and changes in the prevailing market conditions.
- NGT and BBLC are seeking to increase competition for the available capacity at Bacton Exit IP between Shippers and between interconnector operators and consider this to be an appropriate mechanism

Factors to consider:

- Interconnector Ltd (INT) have enduring access to the enhanced pressure service at the Bacton Exit IP
- This is an enabling modification which would permit the contractual change only.
- NGT have a separate process for reviewing enhanced pressure requests and managing any associated risks which is part of the BAU operation of the GSO and any potential operational or physical risks are outside of scope for the modification.
- In the 0814 decision letter the Authority stated... *the proposed solution will ensure a level-playing field between BBL and INT by granting BBL access to an enhanced pressure service that INT already has access to. This will subsequently ensure fair and equal treatment of both interconnectors as well as facilitating a level-playing field between them and their users, which will promote competition*

Options



The key difference between the contractual arrangements of INT and BBLC is that:

- INT have enduring access to the enhanced pressure service therefore, they can request export pressures of 55-68 bar and BBLC do not have this contractual ability

Therefore:

- The proposer considers that the most appropriate option to create a “*level-playing field between BBLC and INT*” is to provide BBLC with access to the same enhanced pressure service and increase their MNEPOR accordingly.

Proposed Solution



- Reinststate the UNC0814 solution which was approved by the Authority on 6th March 2023 and implemented on 19th July 2023.
- The solution is fully developed and ready for consultation
- The Proposal is identical to UNC0814's solution simply but has a different expiry date
- This is an enabling Modification which would result in the following contractual changes:
 - BBLC gaining access to the existing enhanced pressure service
 - BBLCs MNEPOR would increase from 184,780,632 kWh/d (7,699,193kWh/h) to 252,000,000 kWh/d (10,500,000 kWh/h)
- Any potential physical or operational risks are outside of the scope of the Modification and, if necessary, would be managed within BAU

Recommended Steps



The Proposer considers that the proposal is fully developed and recommends that this modification should be:

- Subject to Self-Governance
- Proceed to Consultation