

Modification 0605S Amendments to TPD Section K - Additional Methods to Procure and Dispose of Operating Margins Gas

Text Commentary

Paragraph	Explanation
Deleted paragraph 3.3.7	Deleting this paragraph means that National Grid NTS is no longer required to purchase Operating Margins Gas through a tender. National Grid NTS may choose to run a tender, with the additional flexibility to purchase gas on a trading exchange, over-the-counter (OTC) or brokered markets.
Existing paragraph 3.3.8 renumbered as 3.3.7	The reference to existing 3.3.7 is removed as the requirement to tender under existing 3.3.7 will no longer exist.
Paragraph 3.7.2	The existing language requires NG to conduct a tender before it disposes of Operating Margins gas. The amended wording requires that, consistent with its Licence obligations, NG disposes of Operating Margins Gas in the way in which it considers most economic. As is the case with purchase, National Grid NTS will then have the flexibility to sell on an exchange, or over-the-counter. The amended language also allows National Grid NTS to procure or dispose of Operating Margins Gas before the end of the Storage Year, to reflect the normal practise of making the disposals before the capacity rights reduce or expire.
Amend the remainder of existing paragraph 3.7.2 as 3.7.3	<p>The new 3.7.3 explains that, where National Grid NTS considers a tender is most economic, the provisions that follow will apply to that tender.</p> <p>Paragraphs 3.7.2 (a) to (f) have been renumbered as 3.7.3 (a) to (f).</p> <p>New 3.7.3 (g) provides that National Grid NTS need not accept the highest or any tender and mirrors paragraph 3.3.6(c), which applies to buy tenders. It replaces existing (g) which required that National Grid NTS accepts the highest priced tender(s) first.</p> <p>New 3.7.3 (h) provides that any gas unsold following a tender may be sold by other means. It replaces existing (h) which dealt with how tenders would be accepted but was unnecessarily prescriptive.</p>
Existing paragraph 3.7.3 renumbered as 3.7.4	No text change.
Existing paragraph	Existing 3.7.4 is deleted and is, in part, dealt with in new 3.7.3 (h) – see

3.7.4 and new 3.7.5	above. The cost recovery element of existing 3.7.4 is dealt with in a new 3.7.5.
Existing paragraph 3.7.5 renumbered as 3.7.6	This is amended to reflect that fact that Residual Gas Transfers may be made otherwise than by tender.
Existing paragraph 3.7.6 renumbered as 3.7.7	The reference to 3.7.2 in this paragraph is amended to 3.7.3.
New paragraph 3.10	This creates a liability for National Grid NTS if it enters into an Erroneous Trade.
New paragraph 3.10.1	This defines an Erroneous Trade and requires an adjustment if there is an Erroneous Trade.
New paragraph 3.10.2	If there is an Erroneous Trade this requires the Operating Margins WACOG to be calculated using the costs that would have arisen had the intended trade (i.e. without the error) been struck (and not actual costs).
New paragraph 3.10.3	This caps National Grid NTS's increased liability arising from an adjustment to the Operating Margins WACOG.
New paragraph 3.10.4	If there is an Erroneous Trade this requires the Closing Margins Adjustment Charges to be calculated using the proceeds of disposal that would have arisen had the intended trade (i.e. without the error) been struck and not actual proceeds.
New paragraph 3.10.5	This caps National Grid NTS's increased liability arising from an adjustment to the Closing Margins Adjustment Charge.
New paragraph 3.10.6	This creates a contractual obligation to mitigate the effect of an Erroneous Trade, whether the error results in a benefit or dis-benefit.
New paragraph 3.10.7	This obliges National Grid NTS to report Erroneous Trades
New paragraph 3.10.8	Whilst National Grid NTS is required to report an Erroneous Trades however minor, this reflects the fact that no adjustment is made if the thresholds in 3.10.1 are not met.
Amend existing paragraph 4.4.2	This is to reflect the fact that gas may be sold other than by tender.

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Delete existing paragraph 3.3.7:

~~3.3.7 National Grid NTS will make its Margins Gas Procurement Arrangements for material quantities of gas under paragraph 3.3.5 on the basis in paragraph 3.3.6(c) where reasonably feasible in the circumstances (and having regard to the time or times for delivery of such gas); and in any case where such arrangements are not made on such basis agrees to inform Users of the circumstances in which its arrangements were not so made.~~

Renumber existing paragraph 3.3.8 as 3.3.7, and amend to read as follows:

~~3.3.8~~ 3.3.7 Without prejudice to paragraph 3.3.7, National Grid NTS may procure gas (in accordance with paragraph 3.6) for Operating Margins Purposes and on behalf of the NTS Shrinkage Provider on an integrated basis; but National Grid NTS shall in any event maintain separate records of the quantities of gas procured for Operating Margins Purposes and the NTS Shrinkage Provider.

Amend the lead in to existing paragraph 3.7.2 to read as follows:

3.7.2 National Grid NTS on behalf of each Relevant System Manager will before, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, the start of each Storage Year make such arrangements for, ~~as soon as reasonably practicable after the start of the Storage Year, seek to make~~ Residual Gas Transfers as it shall determine to be the most economic for the discharge of its functions under this Section K. in respect of the Residual Surplus Gas in each relevant Storage Facility or LNG Importation Facility by conducting a tender as follows:-

Amend the remainder of existing paragraph 3.7.2 as follows:

- (i) by making it paragraph 3.7.3;
- (ii) by adding the following highlighted text to the lead in; and
- (iii) by deleting existing paragraphs (g) and (h) and replacing them with new paragraphs (g) and (h) (as highlighted).

3.7.3 Where National Grid NTS, with a view to meeting the objectives in paragraph 3.7.2, conducts a tender:

~~(g) National Grid NTS will accept bids in order of price (the highest priced being accepted first) for the whole of the quantity specified in each bid (subject to paragraph (h)) until it has accepted bids for that amount of gas equal to the difference between the aggregate remaining surpluses and the aggregate remaining deficits as determined by National Grid NTS in accordance with 3.6.4 (provided that National Grid NTS shall not be required to accept bids for Residual Surplus Gas at a relevant Storage Facility or LNG Importation Facility in excess of the amount of Residual Surplus Gas at such relevant Storage Facility or LNG Importation Facility);~~

~~(h) the last bid (for the lowest price) accepted may be accepted for a part of the quantity specified in the bid, and if more than one such bid has the same price such bids will be accepted pro rata the amounts of each, disregarding any bid which states that it may only be accepted for the whole of the specified quantity.~~

(g) National Grid NTS shall not be required to accept the highest priced or any bid where in its reasonable opinion a prudent seller of gas in comparable

circumstances would not do so; and

(h) if after the tender the Residual Surplus Gas, or any part of it, is unsold, National Grid NTS (on behalf of Relevant System Managers) will take such other reasonable action as it shall think fit to dispose thereof.

Renumber existing paragraph 3.7.3 as 3.7.4 and there are no changes to the text.

Delete existing paragraph 3.7.4:

~~3.7.4 ——— If after the tender under paragraph 3.7.2 there is any remaining Residual Surplus Gas, National Grid NTS (on behalf of Relevant System Managers) will take such other reasonable action as it shall think fit to dispose thereof (it being apparent that no User is willing at any price to enter into a Storage Gas Transfer thereof); and any reasonable costs incurred by National Grid NTS in so doing (including costs incurred by reason of having gas in storage in excess of its Storage Space or LNG Importation Space) shall be costs of the Relevant System Manager for the purposes of this Section K.~~

Insert new paragraph 3.7.5 to read as follows:

3.7.5 Reasonable costs incurred by National Grid NTS in making Residual Gas Transfers (including costs incurred by reason of having gas in storage in excess of its Storage Space or LNG Importation Space) shall be costs of the Relevant System Manager for the purposes of this Section K.

Renumber existing paragraph 3.7.5 as 3.7.6, and amend to read as follows:

~~3.7.5~~ 3.7.6 Where more than one Relevant System Manager holds Residual Surplus Gas in a Storage Facility or LNG Importation Facility, the gas-in-storage subject to Residual Gas Transfers and the proceeds of the ~~tender under paragraph 3.7.2 and any costs under paragraph 3.7.4~~ Residual Gas Transfers will be apportioned pro rata their respective quantities of Residual Surplus Gas in the facility.

Renumber existing paragraph 3.7.6 as 3.7.7 and amend to read as follows:

~~3.7.6~~ 3.7.7 National Grid NTS may provisionally determine the amount of the Residual Surplus Gas for the purposes of the tender document under paragraph ~~3.7.2~~ 3.7.3 before determining...

Insert new paragraph 3.10 to read as follows:

3.10 Operating Margins Trading Error

3.10.1 If National Grid NTS enters into a Market Transaction on the Trading System, a transaction on any other exchange, or an over-the-counter transaction to purchase, or dispose of:

- (a) a given quantity of Operating Margins Gas and that quantity is different from the quantity for which the individual placing the transaction on behalf of National Grid NTS had intended to transact,
- (b) Operating Margins Gas over a given period and that period is different from the period over which the individual had intended to transact, or
- (c) Operating Margins Gas for a given price and that price is different from the price at which the individual had intended to transact;

and the effect is (after National Grid NTS's endeavours to mitigate the effect under paragraph 3.10.6) that:

- (i) the cost of purchasing Operating Margins Gas is £50,000 more, or £50,000 less, or
- (ii) the proceeds from disposing of Operating Margins Gas are £50,000 more, or £50,000 less

than it/they would have been had the intended price, quantity or period been used (an "Erroneous Trade"), an adjustment will be made in accordance with paragraph 3.10.2 or 3.10.4.

3.10.2 If any Operating Margins Gas is purchased under an Erroneous Trade, the Operating Margins WACOG in respect of the Operating Margins Facility to which that gas relates, shall be adjusted by calculating the Operating Margins WACOG using a cost of gas equal to what the Operating Margins Gas would have cost had the:

- (a) quantity purchased;
- (b) period over which the gas was purchased; or
- (c) price paid,

been what the individual placing the transaction on behalf of National Grid NTS had intended (whether using a cost resulting from using an intended quantity, period or price results in the cost being more, or less, than the actual cost, as would otherwise be required by paragraph 4.2).

3.10.3 If the aggregate of each adjustment made to the method of calculating the Operating Margins WACOG under paragraph 3.10.2 in a Storage Year (which shall be calculated by aggregating the number in respect of each adjustment, regardless of whether that number might be characterised as a positive, or negative number by virtue of it representing an increase, or decrease in cost) exceeds £1,000,000 (one million pounds), there shall be no further adjustment in that Storage Year and the actual cost of purchasing Operating Margins Gas shall be applied (as is required by paragraph 4.2) for the remainder of the Storage Year.

3.10.4 If any Operating Margins Gas is disposed of under an Erroneous Trade, the aggregate amounts received by National Grid NTS referred to in paragraph 4.4.3(b), shall be adjusted by deeming those amounts to be what the disposal proceeds would have been had the:

- (d) quantity purchased;
- (e) period over which the gas was purchased; or
- (f) price paid,

been what the individual placing the transaction on behalf of National Grid NTS had intended (whether using the proceeds resulting from using an intended quantity, period or price results in such proceeds being more, or less, than the actual proceeds, as would otherwise be required by paragraph 4.4.3(b)).

- 3.10.5 If the aggregate of each adjustment made by deeming aggregate amounts received by National Grid NTS under paragraph 3.10.4 in a Storage Year (which shall be calculated by aggregating the number in respect of each adjustment, regardless of whether that number might be characterised as a positive, or negative number by virtue of it representing an increase, or decrease in proceeds) exceeds £1,000,000 (one million pounds), there shall be no further adjustment in that Storage Year and the actual proceeds from disposal of Operating Margins Gas shall be applied (as is required by paragraph 4.4.3(b)) for the remainder of the Storage Year.
- 3.10.6 If National Grid NTS enters into an Erroneous Trade, it will use its reasonable endeavours to mitigate the effect of the Erroneous Trade, which may include National Grid NTS:
- (a) cancelling, or amending the Erroneous Trade to the extent that National Grid NTS is entitled, or the counterparty agrees, to cancel or amend; and/or
 - (b) entering into further transactions.
- 3.10.7 National Grid NTS will, subject to section 3.10.8, publish the following details of any Erroneous Trade in the Procurement Guidelines document required by Special Condition 8A of its Gas Transporter's Licence:
- (a) whether the Erroneous Trade was a Market Transaction on the Trading System, a transaction on any other exchange, or an over-the-counter transaction;
 - (b) the time and date of the Erroneous Trade and the date on which National Grid NTS realised that the transaction was an Erroneous Trade;
 - (c) any steps taken to mitigate the effect of the Erroneous Trade;
 - (d) the amount of the increase or decrease in cost, or proceeds resulting from the Erroneous Trade; and
 - (e) any adjustments made in accordance with paragraphs 3.10.2 to 3.10.4.
- 3.10.8 The expression "Erroneous Trade" shall, for the purposes of paragraph 3.10.7(a) to (d) (but not paragraph 3.10.7(e)), refer to any transaction described in paragraph 3.10.1(a), (b) or (c), whether, or not, the thresholds in paragraph 3.10.1(i) or (ii) are exceeded.

Amend paragraph 4.4.2 as follows:

- 4.4.2 The amounts (if any) received by National Grid NTS for Operating Margins Purposes pursuant to any Storage Gas Transfer under paragraph 3.5 and/or paragraph 3.6, and/or paragraph 3.8 or ~~tender disposed of~~ in respect of Residual Surplus Gas pursuant to paragraphs 3.5 and 3.7, less certain amounts incurred by National Grid NTS in connection with the procurement and injection of gas for Operating Margins Purposes, will be refunded to Users in accordance with paragraph 4.4.