

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0449: Introduction of Interconnection Points and new processes and transparency requirements to facilitate compliance with the EU Congestion Management Procedures

Date referred from Panel: 21 March 2013

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0449

Solution

It is proposed to introduce a new classification of System Entry Point and NTS Exit Point within the UNC. It will also put in place an oversubscription process for the AMSEC Auction, new transparency obligations and new NTS Entry and Exit Capacity surrender processes for the following entry and exit capacity products:

- NTS Entry Capacity
 - Quarterly System Entry Capacity
 - Monthly System Entry Capacity (excluding the RMSEC Auction)
- NTS Exit Capacity
 - Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity
 - Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity

As the CMP regulations are closely linked to the proposed Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM) Regulation any solution will need to be reviewed as part of CAM, the CMP oversubscription and surrender solution detailed within this Modification Proposal will be facilitated via a combination of operational processes and existing Gemini system functionality.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Appropriacy of capacity surrender process (concerns to be expanded by Ofgem
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification

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- Whether it is unduly discriminatory to apply rules at interconnection points only
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

Outputs

Produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendations of the Workgroup.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice.