

## **Industry update from Ofgem – up to date as of 5 February 2020**

### **Reports to Ofgem, from RIIO-2 Independent Customer Engagement Groups and User Group, on the energy network company business plans for RIIO-2**

On 3 January 2020 we published the reports provided by independently chaired Customer Engagement Group and User Group on the energy network company business plans for RIIO-2 (submitted on 9 December 2019). These reports have been published by the energy network companies.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/reports-ofgem-riio-2-independent-customer-engagement-groups-and-user-group-energy-network-company-business-plans-riio-2>

### **Decision on the Transmission Planning Code**

On 10 January 2020, pursuant to Special Condition 7B of the National Grid Gas (NGG) Gas Transporter Licence, we have decided to approve the revised version of the Transmission Planning Code submitted to us by National Grid on 18 December 2019.

URL: [https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/01/20200109\\_decision\\_letter\\_-\\_transmission\\_planning\\_code\\_2019.pdf](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/01/20200109_decision_letter_-_transmission_planning_code_2019.pdf)

### **GB Gas Storage Facilities**

On 13 January 2020 we published information on GB Storage Facilities. This information was published in fulfilment of Ofgem's obligations under section 19A of the Gas Act.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/gb-gas-storage-facilities-2020>

### **RIIO-2 Challenge Group Independent Report to Ofgem**

On 24 January 2020 we published the RIIO-2 Challenge Group Independent report on the Business Plans submitted by the network companies to Ofgem (on 09 December 2019) for RIIO-2. The report is intended to support Ofgem's work towards its Final Determinations on the revenue required by these network companies to operate their businesses in the future, but the Group hopes it will also be of use to anyone participating in the Ofgem's Open Hearings process in 2020.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/riio-2-challenge-group-independent-report-ofgem>

### **Network Innovation Competition - Funding Direction for National Grid Gas (Transmission) Publication date**

On 30 January 2020 we published our Funding Direction for NGG which sets out the amount that National Grid Gas Plc (Transmission) can recover from its customers in relation to the NIC. Our Direction also specifies the net amounts to be transferred between NGG and other gas network licensees in relation to their NIC projects.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/network-innovation-competition-funding-direction-national-grid-gas-transmission-0>

## **Ofgem's Decarbonisation Action Plan**

On 3 February we published our Decarbonisation Action Plan. The Plan sets out the actions we will take in the next 18 months, beginning our next steps on an urgent, but decades-long journey towards net zero. We will work closely with government, industry and consumers to do this at the lowest cost. Our approach will continue to evolve and we will develop new actions and programmes as the opportunities arise.

URL:

[https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/02/ofg1190\\_decarbonisation\\_action\\_plan\\_web.pdf](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/02/ofg1190_decarbonisation_action_plan_web.pdf)

## **Decision on the proposed modification of Special Condition 8I of National Grid Gas Plc's Gas Transporter Licence to amend all references to 'Gas Deficit Warning' (GDW) to 'Gas Balancing Notification' (GBN)**

In October 2019 we published a statutory consultation on proposed modifications to National grid Gas Plc's ("NGG") gas transporter licence ("the Licence"). We invited views on proposed modification to the Licence in respect of proposing to amend all references in the licence to 'Gas Deficit Warning' ("GDW") with 'Gas Balancing Notification' ("GBN"), to align the licence with the Uniform Network Code ("UNC"). Following the closure of the statutory consultation, and having considered the proposed changes further, on 4 February 2020, we have decided to implement the licence modifications as set out in the Schedule 1 of the decision notice published on our website alongside this letter. Our decision to make these licence changes will take effect from 01 April 2020.

URL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/network-innovation-competition-funding-direction-national-grid-gas-transmission-0>