

UNC 0705R:

Mod Title: NTS Capacity Access Review



***Guidance:** These slides are meant to provide a brief overview for the UNC Panel, to introduce what is trying to be achieved, to help them understand and decide the best process to be followed for new modifications. Please aim to be as brief as possible and not justify nor make the case for the Modification.*

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Why change?



- The current entry and exit capacity arrangements for Users to access the NTS were built on the foundations of an expanding gas transmission network.
- Historically, incremental capacity signals from long-term auctions would trigger investment on the NTS.
- Today, this environment has changed and we are not experiencing the capacity signals requiring expansion of the network we were 10 years ago.
- Therefore, a request is being raised to review the principles of the capacity access arrangements, to ensure they are aligned to future needs of our customers and allows for the optimal development of the NTS.

Solution



- To review the principles of the NTS capacity access regime, understanding issues and developing a long-term strategy.
- To make recommendations for change and addressing short-term problems in accordance with the long-term ambition (table on page 3 of the Request provides further detail of the long-term ambition and short-term problems).

Recommended Steps



- We propose that this Request is progressed to Workgroup for review for a period of 12 months.