

Gas
Transmission

Transporting Britain's Energy Consultation Amendments

Transmission Workgroup

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Workgroup Plan

Workgroup 1:

- Overview of Modification
- Workgroup discussions

Workgroup 2:

- Address anything raised in Workgroup 1
- Legal text
- Workgroup report

Overview

- TPD Section O 3.1 states “In January of each year (year 0), National Grid NTS (NGGT) will conduct the Transporting Britain’s Energy consultation process and request information from Users and others”
- Over recent years the data collection process has evolved. The wide variety of information obtained through the FES process has removed the need for the consultation as defined in TPD O 3.1
- By not conducting the TBE consultation process, there are efficiency and resource savings across the industry as Users do not have to provide NGGT with information that we can gain via the FES process.
- The removal of the yearly obligation will ensure that UNC reflects current practice.
- In order to future proof the process we would like to retain the right to issue the consultation, but on a discretionary basis.

Workgroup Considerations from Panel

Consider Future Energy Scenarios (FES) interactions – (Is there any obligation on Users to respond to FES) – No obligation to respond to FES. However we already use FES data to produce the GTYS. This Mod formalises what is actually happening in practice.

Consider the impact of the annual January date

This to be due to the annual planning process. The TBE would be at the start of that process (January) with the GTYS published at the end (usually October). The FES engagement period spans broadly the same period, beginning slightly earlier in the November of the prior year.

Consider the impact on shipper licences from the Modification

Standard conditions of gas supply licence or Gas Shippers License Standard Conditions do not seem to reference

Workgroup Considerations from Panel

Consider any impact on the FES process from the separation of the Electricity System Operator (ESO) and National Grid – (This was question was actually about NGGT's majority sale from wider NG and any implications that may have)

We've included the option to retain the right to issue the TBE consultation in case anything changes either due to the sale or any other unforeseen circumstance. Having reviewed the GSA between NGGT and NGENSO we are confident that an appropriate period of notice would be given in the event that any services were to be withdrawn.

Solution

- The obligation to conduct the TBE consultation in January each year will be removed.
- The UNC will change to indicate that the TBE consultation may be issued once per year at NGGT's discretion.
- A notice period of 90 days in advance of the consultation being issued will be provided to industry in the event that NGGT needs to issue the TBE consultation.
- No changes are proposed to the information that can be requested as part of the TBE consultation. (This is detailed in TPD Section O 3.2-3.5)

Draft legal text to follow (if available by 5th August)

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Notes

FES 2021 engagement and communications plan

