

Proposed Business Rules for UNC860

Clarify impact of exit capacity holdings on offtake rights

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TPD Section J 3 - OFFTAKE OF GAS FROM THE SYSTEM and 4 - REQUIREMENTS UNDER NETWORK EXIT PROVISIONS both need to be made clear and consistent with the following business rules:

1. There are circumstances where a user is entitled to offtake gas from the system in volumes that exceed their daily capacity holdings i.e. the maximum permitted rate in these sections should not be in any way limited by a user's capacity holding.
2. Allow for submission of an Offtake Profile Notice (or revised such notice) that exceeds a user's capacity holding, including an hourly volume of 1/24th of their daily capacity holding. An OPN should reflect a user's best estimate of their expected offtake.
3. Clarify that a transporter is required to offer access to its system in line with the Act and the Directive and only has the right to instruct a User to reduce or discontinue offtake of gas in those circumstances that are specifically defined in the UNC (e.g. Stage 2 Gas Emergency) by removing wording that specifies that transporters "*will not be required*" or "*will not be in breach of its obligation*", "*to make gas available for offtake*". Replace with clearer wording that conveys that transporters will not be liable to pay a user compensation in a quantity that exceeds the user's daily capacity holding.
4. Streamline or remove the following terms in these sections if they can be replaced by defined terms:
 - a. Maximum permitted rate (not capitalised)
 - b. Maximum permitted quantity (not capitalised)