

System Management Principles Statement Annual Consultation

**Report by National Grid NTS
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Summary

This report contains the outcome of the recent annual consultation exercise undertaken on the National Grid NTS System Management Principles Statement (SMPS).

The report and the preceding consultation have been prepared in accordance with Special Condition C5 of the National Grid NTS Transporter Licence.

Attachments

The following appendices are included with this report:

Appendix A SMPS Statement – Annual Consultation
Appendix B SMPS Statement – Final proposal

Background

National Grid NTS prepares an SMPS in accordance with Special Condition C5 of its Gas Transporter Licence. The purpose of the SMPS is to describe the broad principles and criteria by which National Grid NTS will assess and determine those system management services that would be used in specific circumstances. The SMPS replaced the Operational Guidelines that were prescriptive in their instructions and provided no basis for interpretation.

Views sought

A copy of the original consultation is included as Appendix A.

Views received

No responses were received during the consultation period.

Conclusions and Final Proposals

National Grid NTS recommends that, as no responses were received from the industry, the version of the SMPS that it consulted upon should be approved by the Authority with an effective date of 1st April 2009. The proposed version is provided in Appendix B.