

NTS Exit Capacity

A User's Guide to 2010 Key Processes

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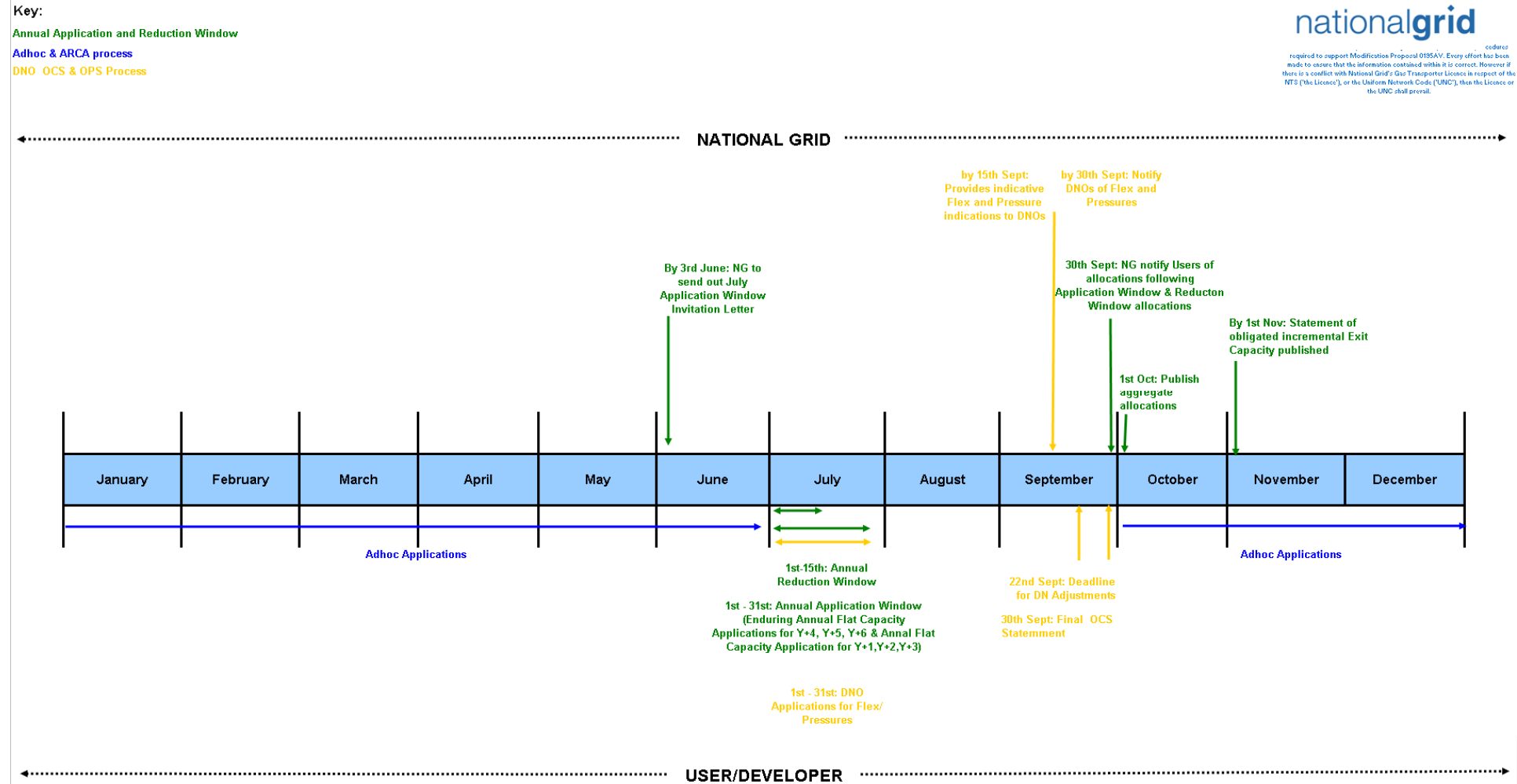
1. Introduction

The following exit capacity processes apply exclusively to gas shippers, with the exception of section 7 (Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement) which applies only to project developers.

NTS Exit Capacity can only be applied for at NTS Exit Points, which are identified in National Grid's NTS licence¹. If there is no NTS Exit Point for the project for which you wish to acquire NTS Exit Capacity, please initiate discussions with our Customer Services team by completing an initial enquiry form (see section 8 - Contact Details) if you have not already done so.

¹ See Ofgem website (<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/index.php?pk=folder129328>)

2. Enduring Exit Capacity Arrangements and Key Dates (2010)



3. Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Applications (Increases & Reductions)

28 calendar days prior to the first day of the application window:

National Grid will issue an invitation letter via the Joint Office and web fax to all users 28 days prior to the application window. The letter will include all data specified in UNC.

July Application Window:

In order to apply for an increase or reduction in the July Application Window an application must be submitted via the Gemini Exit Reform System.

The Gemini Exit Reform System (GERS) can be used for creating an application, modifying and withdrawing. Each request will have a unique ID with a date and timestamp in GERS.

Decide if an increase or a decrease (reduction) application is required.

Note: Applications may only be made on business days within the July application window

The Enduring Annual Application Window for reduction notices closes at 17:00 BST on 15th July 2010.

The Enduring Annual Application Window for increase requests closes at 17:00 BST on 31st July 2010.

Request Allocation and Notification Period:

The National Grid Capacity Team will allocate the requests and the results will be available via the Gemini Exit Reform System on the dates specified within the invitation letter. If you have any queries at this point you should contact National Grid. The aggregate allocations for each Exit point will be published on the Exit Capacity Applications webpage of the National Grid website, <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Data/excap/>.

DNO Flat Adjustments

In the event that Flex capacity requirements are rejected/adjusted as part of the Offtake Capacity Statement (OCS) process managed by National Grid, DNO users can submit adjustments to their Flat Capacity requirements. Adjustments to requests should be completed using Gemini Exit Reform System (as described earlier in this document) in the 5 business days following the Indicative OCS statement.

3rd June 2010

1st – 31st July 2010

31st July 2010

Business Days, August – September 2010

4. Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Applications

28 calendar days prior to the first day of the application window:

National Grid will issue an invitation letter via the Joint Office and web fax to all users 28 days prior to the application window. The letter will include all data specified in UNC.

July Application Window:

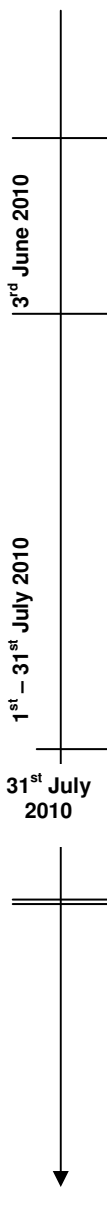
In order to apply for Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity in the July Application Window an application must be submitted via the Gemini Exit Reform System.

The Gemini Exit Reform System can be used for creating an application, modifying and withdrawing. Each request will have a unique ID with a date and timestamp in GERS.

The Annual Application Window for requests closes at 17:00 BST on 31st July 2010.

Request Allocation Period:

The National Grid Capacity Team will allocate the requests and the results will be available via the Gemini Exit Reform system on the dates specified within the invitation letter. If you have any queries at this point you should contact National Grid. The aggregate allocations for each Exit point will be published on the Exit Capacity Applications webpage of the National Grid website, <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Data/excap/>.



5. Offtake Capacity Statements

Flex capacity applications and Flat capacity adjustments– *DNO Users only*

July Submission Window:

The annual Submission Window will be open from 1st to 31st July 2010 on each business day between the hours of 08:00 BST and 17:00 BST.

Flex and Pressure requirements for Gas Years 2012/13 (Y+3), 2013/14 (Y+4), 2014/15 (Y+5) and 2015/16 (Y+6) must be submitted via Fax and E-mail in the July Submission Window using the Offtake Capacity Statement Form (OCSF). This form can be downloaded via the National Grid Website, <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Data/excap/>.

Once an enduring OCS application has been submitted National Grid will collate and verify all data, assessing the OCS requests in conjunction with the Flat applications. National Grid will contact the user to clarify any unusual requests found and the user may be requested to resubmit the application.

The annual Application Window for enduring OCS statements closes at 17:00 BST on 31st July 2010.

Analysis Period (UNC B3.7.9(b)):

National Grid will carry out analysis and Indicative allocations for DNO Flex & Pressure requirements during this period.

Indicative Flex and Pressure allocations (UNC B3.7.9(c)):

During this period the DNO (business days only) user will receive their indicative Flex and Pressure allocations via E-mail and Fax. The user should then assess the allocations against the initial OCS requests and contact the National Grid Network Design team (*contact details will be supplied with your preliminary statement*) if any clarification is required.

Once the OCS requirements have been agreed with National Grid, The Network Design Team should verbally finalise the Flex and Pressure requirements. The DNO user can then submit adjustments to their Flat capacity requests for 5 business days following the preliminary statement on the Gemini Exit Reform system as discussed in the Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Applications section of this document.

Distribution of Offtake Capacity Statements (UNC B3.7.9(d)):

Each individual DNO user will receive their confirmed Offtake Capacity Statements (Flex/Pressure) for Gas Years 2012/13 (Y+3), 2013/14 (Y+4), 2014/15 (Y+5) and 2015/16 (Y+6) via E-mail and Fax.

1st – 31st July 2010

August – September 2010

28th – 30th
September
2010
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6. Ad-Hoc Application or Reduction for Enduring Annual NTS Exit Capacity

An application for Enduring Annual NTS (Flat) Capacity may be made by a user any time between 1st October and 30th June in any Gas Year Y. Please refer to UNC Section B3.2.3(b) with regard to request information.

The User can apply for up to 4 separate tranches and the first gas flow must not be earlier than 6 months from date of application or later than the default delivery date, 1 October Gas Year Y+4 (applications received during 2010 can only be for 1st October 2012 onwards).

Applications for Ad-Hoc Enduring Annual NTS Exit Capacity will be accepted at any time between 1st October to 30th June in gas year Y.

Ad-Hoc Increase in Enduring Exit (Flat) Capacity:

In order to apply for an increase in Enduring Flat Capacity between October and June in gas year Y, an application must be submitted via the Ad-Hoc Enduring Exit (Flat) Capacity Application in the Gemini Exit Reform System.

National Grid will accept receipt of the application after which an offer must be made within 15 days if no works are required, 90 days if it is believed that Works will be required or more than 90 days if both parties agree. The offer will specify the following:

- The Demonstration Information required and the Demonstration date
- The Capacity Registration Date; reasonable endeavours to meet this date are requested.

Once this offer has been received the User has 30 calendar days in which to accept this offer via the Gemini Exit Reform System.

Publication of Ad-Hoc information post allocation

National Grid is obliged to publish the incremental quantity allocated within the 10 days following allocation. For the 2010/11 Gas Year Ad Hoc Application Window National Grid will publish the allocation information via the Gemini Exit Reform System within 10 days of the offer being accepted in accordance with UNC B3.2.13.

Ad-Hoc Reduction in Enduring Exit (Flat) Capacity:

- National Grid may invite Users to submit a notice of reduction in order to support a Capacity request at the same NTS Exit Point. National Grid will issue an invitation by E-mail via the Joint Office.

National Grid will communicate the required process at the time of the request.

1st October 2010 – 30th June 2011

7. Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (ARCA)

For information on ARCAs please see:

- <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/OperationalInfo/endureexitcap/>

For more details regarding the ARCA process contact:

- *Name:* National Grid's Gas Customer Team
- *Email:* transmission.newgasconnections.nts@uk.ngrid.com
- *Webpage:* http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Connections/ntsentry/exit_conn_processes/

8. Contact Details

<u>E-mail</u>	
General Exit Regime Queries:	exitreform.pmo@uk.ngrid.com NTS.Exitcapacity@uk.ngrid.com
Capacity Team – Exit Procedure Issues:	NTS.Exitcapacity@uk.ngrid.com
Customer Services: (for new enquiries about NTS connections and capacity)	transmission.newgasconnections.nts@uk.ngrid.com
<u>Web</u>	
NTS Exit Reform Website:	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/OperationalInfo/endureexitcap/
195AV Modification and legal text:	www.gasgovernance.co.uk
Exit Capacity Application Publication:	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Data/excap/
Customer Services: (for new enquiries about NTS connections and capacity)	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Connections/
<u>Phone</u>	
Capacity Team:	01926 654058

9. Appendices

Useful Links:

For more information on the processes described here please see the following:

- Exit Reform Shipper Workshop slides which can be found on the following website: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/OperationalInfo/endureexitcap/>.
- Exit Offline Solution: Application Procedural stages/Process Flow Diagram - **ExAppFlat002**.
- Exit Offline Solution: Application Procedural stages/Process Flow Diagram - **ExFlexOCS003**
- <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Data/excap/>