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Consultation on the classification of Relevant Point under EU Gas Regulation for a New NTS Exit Point

On 20th January 2020 Saltholme Power Station was added to the Zero Licence Baseline Exit Capacity table in accordance with our Gas Transporters licence.

In accordance with Article 18(4) of Gas Regulation (EC) No. 715/2009 the approval by Ofgem of the classification of new NTS Exit Points as “relevant points”, or not, in the Gas Regulation is required.

This requires consultation with network users and the agreement of Ofgem.

New NTS Point

The new NTS Exit Point is as follows.

Offtake Point	Type of Offtake	Enduring flat Baseline (GWh/d)
Saltholme Power Station	DC	0

Designation as “relevant point”

Under Article 18(4) of Gas Regulation (EC) No 715/2009¹, the relevant points of a transmission system on which the information is to be made public shall be approved by Ofgem after consultation with network users.

1 Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/d0aadfc3-ddf7-4840-b788-563741d511b6/language-en/format-PDF/source-77606166>

Under Article 18(3), classification as a relevant point requires us as the Transmission System Operator to make information on the technical, contracted and available capacity available to the public on a regular basis.

Under Annex 1 of the regulation Exit Points which are connected to a single final customer are classified as non-relevant and thus exempt from this obligation, since publishing such information could affect commercial confidentiality. Information will, however, be published at an aggregated level for points which fall outside the definition of relevant point.

For the purposes of paragraph 3.2 of Chapter 3 of Annex 1 to Gas Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, which provides that exit points connected to a single final customer are excluded from the definition of relevant points, we consider that:

- **Saltholme Power Station** should be defined as a Power Station which is connected to a single final customer and therefore excluded from the definition of relevant points.

Responses

If you would like to respond to this consultation, please do so by 28th February 2020 to Nicola.j.lond@nationalgrid.com

Please note that any responses to the consultation will be placed on our website unless marked as confidential. All responses will be shared with Ofgem to allow them to make their decision.

If you have any questions regarding the above please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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