



Planning & Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (PARCA)

A guide to PARCA Variations



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Introduction

Background information

This short guide is to help our customers, (specifically NTS Users and/or Developers) who have entered into a Planning and Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (PARCA), understand PARCA 'variations'.

For background, a PARCA is a multi-phased bilateral contract between National Gas and a customer which allows firm Quarterly System Entry Capacity and/or firm Enduring Annual NTS Exit (flat) Capacity to be reserved for the customer while they develop initial phases of their own project.

After system capacity is Reserved, pursuant to a PARCA, a customer may wish to change certain aspects of the Reserved Capacity and can apply to do so by submitting a 'variation request' to National Gas.

The guide should be read alongside the Planning and Advanced Reservation Capacity Agreement (PARCA) – a guide for customers available on our website and updated October 2018.

<https://www.nationalgas.com/reserving-capacity-parca-and-cam>

This guide does not cover the termination of a PARCA, but further information on terminations can be found in the same PARCA guide for customers.

The rules and process relating to NTS Capacity and PARCA are contained with the Uniform Network Code (UNC) – Transportation Principal Document (TPD) Section B, System Use and Capacity B1.14 to B1.18. Gas Transmission Capacity Guidelines – a customer guide contains information on the entry and exit capacity processes.

<https://www.nationalgas.com/capacity>

Implementation of fees

With effect from 17th January 2021, new PARCA Variation fees have been introduced. These fees were subject to an industry consultation during November 2020. This consultation can be found on our website here:

<https://www.nationalgas.com/document/133536/download>

PARCA Variations FAQs

What is a PARCA Variation?

A PARCA variation is a request to change an existing Planning and Advance Reservation of Capacity (PARCA) contract.

We understand that things can change as projects progress. Within PARCA Phase 2, a request (a 'variation request') can be made to vary the Registration Date, Location and/or Reserved Capacity quantity. Whilst variations are not defined within UNC, we will endeavour to accommodate such changes in accordance with the terms of the PARCA.

We will keep industry notices update on our website to reflect any changes. They can be found under PARCA notices.

<https://www.nationalgas.com/reserving-capacity-parca-and-cam>

What are the fees?

If you are considering entering into a PARCA contract, we would encourage you to approach us to discuss your potential project as early as possible. At this stage we will answer any of your questions and help you to understand the process.

Our Gas Connections Contracts Managers are your first point-of-contact, and we welcome these initial conversations with you. If you do not know who your Gas Connections Contracts Manager is, please email us at box.UKT.customerlifecycle@nationalgrid.com.

When and how can I request one?

The customer that holds the PARCA contract, can request to National Gas in writing that they wish to make a change to their contract. It is good practice to first discuss this with your National Gas Contract Manager. If you are not sure who to contact, please see the Contact Us section at the end of this guide.

On receipt of a request, we will discuss this with the customer and indicate the appropriate fees and process required depending on the nature of the request.

It is best to give at least 4 months' notice to allow time for the required analysis.

The PARCA contract provides the terms by which you can change your contract. Changes outside of this can be requested and considered but not guaranteed.

Contact us

If you are considering a variation to your PARCA or require further information regarding PARCAs after reading this document, please visit our website for further information at:

<https://www.nationalgas.com/reserving-capacity-parca-and-cam>

Alternatively, contact us regarding your potential request at:

box.UKT.customerlifecycle@nationalgas.com