

Negative Implied Flow Rates

NIFR – Fax Facility

- One of the reasons for no longer accepting faxes which breached the NIFR rule was because it might have an adverse impact on adjacent TSOs.
- Following discussion, IUK and BBL said this was not an issue.
- GNI (UK) stated that this would cause a problem.
- We were asked whether we can re-instate the fax facility for Bacton IP?
- We are actively looking into the practicality of re-instating the fax facility in the short term. However, this may require a systems change.

NIFR – Enduring solution

- National Grid NTS is continuing to investigate the issues associated with the NIFR rule
- In doing so we are assessing impacts on:
 - Operational planning
 - Network flexibility
 - Capacity regime

Request for information letters

- Letters were issued by National Grid NTS to some shippers in accordance with UNC TPD Section C 4.3.2
- 21 letters issued; 16 responses received
- We would like to thank those shippers who responded to this request for information
- The main reasons for shippers requesting a downward renomination that breached the NIFR rule were:
 - Beach trades reducing entry nominations
 - Reduction in production due to gas field/terminal restrictions
 - Power station trips
 - Large offtakes reducing gas demand

Way Forward

- We remain of the view that that the current arrangements around the NIFR rule are not a desirable enduring state
- We therefore remain committed to working with the industry to find an acceptable way forward