GCM10: TO Entry Commodity Rebate Mechanism

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Issue

- The TO Entry Commodity charge rate has been set at zero as a result of the revenue implied by the 2007 AMSEC auction.
- Revenue resulting from the RMSEC auctions and Entry Capacity Trade & Transfer processes (£13.4m) will result in TO over recovery.
- GCM09 has been implemented to improve the TO overrecovery "buy-back off-set" mechanism however there is a risk that
 - The mechanism is not triggered, or
 - buy-back costs are less than the over recovery amount
 - If Buy-back costs are less than over recovery then this process will still leave a residual over-recovery amount which would feed in to K for the following formula year



Further Over Recovery Mechanisms

- GCM09 was proposed as an incremental change to improve current process
 - Build on the concept of returning NTS TO Entry Capacity Revenue to NTS Entry Capacity holders without influencing bidding behaviour
 - Further credits based on capacity holdings might influence capacity bidding behaviour
 - ("buy cheap capacity to benefit from over-recovery")
- A negative TO commodity charge has been proposed (and vetoed) in the past
 - Applying this approach in parallel with the buy-back offset mechanism would involve forecasting both monthly over recovery and buy-back costs
 - Required notice periods would make a negative TO commodity ineffective in managing over recovery identified in February/March.
 - Could be overcome by applying retrospectively



Proposed GCM10 Additional Mechanism

- TO Entry Commodity Rebate
 - Partial or full rebate of TO Entry Commodity charges
 Mechanism
 - Remaining over recovery amount calculated after taking into account any payments resulting from the buy-back offset mechanisms triggered
 - 2. Credits would only be paid if the residual over recovery was in excess of £1m (this equates to the minimum TO Entry Commodity price of 0.0001 p/kWh)
 - Ratio of remaining over recovery amount and TO Revenue paid calculated
 - Cap ratio at 100% i.e. only rebate TO Entry Commodity revenue received
 - 4. Rebate of TO Entry Commodity charges paid based on ratio
 - 5. Rebate paid in April/May following formula yeamationalgrid

GCM10 Example

Example Data		Residual from "buy-back Offset" TO Entry Commodity Collected Rebate ratio		£12.35m £46.80m 26.39%
	UDQI (TWh) [excluding storage & short-haul]	TO Entry Commodity Rate (p/kWh)	TO Entry Revenue	Rebate
April	40	0.0120	£4.80m	£1.27m
May	50	0.0120	£6.00m	£1.58m
June	60	0.0120	£7.20m	£1.90m
July	70	0.0120	£8.40m	£2.22m
Aug	80	0.0120	£9.60m	£2.53m
Sept	90	0.0120	£10.80m	£2.85m
Oct	100	0	£0.00	£0.00
Nov	110	0	£0.00	£0.00
Dec	120	0	£0.00	£0.00
Jan	130	0	£0.00	£0.00
Feb	120	0	£0.00	£0.00
Mar	110	0	£0.00	£0.00
Total	1080	0	£46.80m	£12.35m

Each Shipper will receive a proportion of the rebate based on its proportion of the relevant UDQI in each month. This is equivalent to each shipper receiving a rebate national grid equal to the calculated ratio multiplied by its TO Entry Commodity charges.

Charging Methodology Proposal GCM10 Timeline

Milestone	Date
Charging Methodology Proposal issued	23 rd October 2007
Consultation Ends	20 th November 2007
Consultation Conclusions Report inc. Final Proposals	January 2008
Ofgem veto period (Assumes no Impact Assessment)	28 Days
Implementation	1st March 2008
Ofgem veto period (Assumes Impact Assessment raised)	Up to 3 months
Implementation	31st March 2008

