

**Demand Assessment Report
for incremental capacity
between
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and
National Grid Gas plc
at the IBT Interconnection Point**

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This report is a joint assessment of the potential for incremental capacity projects conducted by:

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A. Non-binding Demand Indications

In accordance with Art. 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/459, the transmission systems operators conducting this market demand assessment report gave network users the opportunity to submit non-binding demand indications to quantify potential demand for incremental capacity on the respective systems either side of the Bacton interconnection point. The period for submission was 1st July to 26th August 2019.

Within this period no non-binding demand indications were received by the TSOs for firm capacity on either side of the Bacton interconnection point. Any non-binding demand indications received after the dead-line will be considered in the next market demand assessment report.

B. Demand Assessment

The received non-binding market demand indications within the current incremental process between the entry-exit system of IUK and the entry-exit system of National Grid are zero. Therefore, there is no demand for incremental capacity identified stemming either out of market indications or other sources.

C. Conclusion for the non-initiation of an incremental capacity project

According to the assessment result of the non-binding demand indications, which indicated that no demand levels for incremental capacity need to be developed, no incremental capacity project will be initiated.

Based on the aforementioned decision, no technical studies for incremental capacity projects will be conducted.

Therefore, available capacity (i.e. technical capacity which is not yet booked in the long term) is currently considered sufficient to cover the future need for capacity for the review period. The next planned incremental capacity process will start after the yearly capacity auction in 2021.

D. Fees

For the incremental capacity cycle addressed in this report:

(i) National Grid

A fee would have been required for the submission of any demand indications in accordance with UNC EID Section E, in order to fund technical design studies. As no demand indications were received, National Grid did not receive any fees for the evaluation and processing of non-binding demand indications.

(ii) IUK

IUK did not charge a fee for the evaluation and processing of non-binding demand indications.

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