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Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation on Interconnector's Access Rules and Charging Methodology

Interconnector Limited ("**Interconnector**" or "**INT**") would like to hear stakeholder's views on its proposed changes to the Interconnector Access Rules and to the Interconnector Charging Methodology ("**CM**").

This Consultation Letter outlines the proposed changes to the Access Rules and CM. The accompanying attachments outline the specific changes proposed to these documents.

1. Introduction

This Consultation Letter highlights the proposed changes to INT's Access Rules and Charging Methodology ("**CM**"). These include:

- The Interconnector Access Agreement ("**IAA**") which contains the general terms and conditions to access Interconnector capacity¹. By signing this, parties agree to adhere to the Interconnector Access Code.
- The Interconnector Access Code ("**IAC**") which details the access rules for INT capacity acquired under the IAA.

The Interconnector Charging Methodology sets out the methodology that Interconnector applies to charging for its transportation services under the IAA and IAC.

Interconnector is required by its governing rules to review its Access Rules and its CM at least once every calendar year. The Access Rules and CM are approved by both Ofgem², the GB National Regulatory Authority ("**NRA**") and by CREG³, the Belgian NRA. INT's current Access Rules and CM⁴ were approved by both NRAs following an initial consultation in 2023, and a further consultation in 2024.

2. Summary of Proposed Amendments to Interconnector's Access Rules (Annex 1)

The following key changes have been proposed to the Interconnector Access Agreement:

¹ Interconnector also publishes an IAA Summary ("**IAAS**") which describes the transportation model and related services offered by INT under the IAA. This document does not give rise to any contractual relationship between INT and any other party for the provision of services by INT.

² Ofgem: The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, <https://ofgem.gov.uk>

³ CREG: La Commission de Régulation de l'Electricité et du Gaz, <https://www.creg.be>

⁴ <https://www.fluxys.com/en/natural-gas-and-biomethane/empowering-you/customer-interactions/consultations-in-the-uk>

Pre-payment option

Following market feedback, INT has introduced the possibility for Shippers to pay their estimated Monthly Charges upfront (e.g. shortly after the moment of booking, and ahead of utilisation). This can be for a portion, or all, of their Registered Capacity. This option may help facilitate longer term capacity bookings for some Shippers as it removes the requirement to provide credit support towards INT, which also reduces the associated cost and refinancing requirements. Additionally, it may remove some counterparty risk for Shippers who are flowing on behalf of other market participants. This service is optional and the existing payment terms remain the default mechanism.

Own Use Gas ("OUG")

Following the successful roll out of INT's new Own Use Gas process earlier this year, INT is finetuning the drafting to allow Shippers to trade with INT "at the flange". This removes the requirement for Shippers to purchase new INT capacity to provide an OUG bid/offer, simplifying the process for both Shippers and INT. INT has also removed the OUG bid/offer templates from this section as these are obsolete.

Digital Security Clause

To ensure compliance with legal and regulatory obligations (including the NIS Regulations⁵), a new digital security clause has been added to the IAA. The clause requires Shippers to maintain appropriate cybersecurity controls for their own systems, notify INT of any Cybersecurity Incident, and maintain a basic cybersecurity policy

3. Amendments to the Interconnector Access Code (Annex 2)

The following key amendments have been made to the IAC;

- *Capacity Reprofile Period*: In response to market feedback, INT has removed the requirement that only Annual Capacity Products are eligible to be used towards a Refilling Service. This opens up the possibility for shorter-term reprofiling opportunities.
- *Renominations*: A correction to renomination timings to properly account for CET/UKT conversions has been made (Section C).
- *Contingency Arrangements*: Clarification has been added to reflect where limitations to the IAC rules would be required in case INT's Contingency Arrangements have been activated.

Several other minor drafting changes have been proposed for consistency and readability.

4. Formatting of Defined Terms within the IAA and IAC

INT would like to hear feedback on whether the current layout of defined terms in the IAA and the IAC is sufficiently clear. Today the definitions for some terms, where relevant, are embedded in the main body of the IAA and IAC.

INT would like to understand whether the market would prefer any changes to this structure. To confirm, INT will not alter the definitions themselves, the aim is to improve readability.

5. Amendments to the Interconnector Charging Methodology (Annex 3)

Interconnector has revised its current approach that a Capacity Transaction for a set of 5 or more successive Firm Annual Capacity Products attracts a "lowest price guarantee". Moving forwards, this will only be offered if INT has expressly stated such a guarantee is available via

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nis-directive-and-nis-regulations-2018>

the Interconnector Charging Statement. Any existing lowest price guarantees will continue to be honoured.

Interconnector has amended the capacity publication lead time for a Day Ahead Capacity Product from 6 hours to 1 hour prior to the commencement of the offer, either via PRISMA or through Interconnector's Implicit Allocation Mechanism.

6. Your Feedback

We would appreciate comments from all interested parties. Please send your response to consultation@interconnector.com by 17:00 UKT on **15 March 2026**.

Following this stakeholder consultation, Interconnector will review the responses with the aim to submit final proposals to Ofgem and CREG by the end of March 2026. Subject to NRA approval the amended Access Rules and the Interconnector Charging Methodology will come into effect ahead of the planned implementation date of April/May 2026.

Please note that any responses not marked confidential may be published on Interconnector's website. Confidential responses may be shared with Ofgem and CREG, at their request.

If you wish to clarify any aspect in relation to this letter, or have any questions please contact Sarah Cooper on +44 (0) 20 3621 7856 or sarah.cooper@interconnector.com or Pavanjit Dhesi on +44 (0) 7866 620 832 or pavanjit.dhesi@interconnector.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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