



**Interconnector Limited**

# **Interconnector Access Agreement**

**THIS INTERCONNECTOR ACCESS AGREEMENT** is made on the .....day of .....  
2021

**BETWEEN:**

- (1) **INTERCONNECTOR LIMITED** a company registered in England (company registration no. 2989838) whose registered office is at 15-16 Buckingham Street, London, WC2N 6DU ("**Interconnector**"); and
- (2) .....a company registered in..... (company registration no.....) whose registered office is at ....., operating with the Energy Identification Code ("**EIC**") of ..... (the "**New Shipper**").
- (A) Interconnector operates the Transportation System and the New Shipper wishes to have access to the Transportation Services.
- (B) The Parties intend that the New Shipper will be admitted as a Shipper subject to the terms and conditions set out below.

**1. Definitions and interpretation**

- 1.1 Capitalised words and expressions used in this Agreement shall have the meanings set out in Appendix B (Definitions and Interpretation).
- 1.2 The rules of interpretation set out in Appendix B (Definitions and Interpretation) shall apply to this Agreement.

**2. The Interconnector Access Agreement**

- 2.1 Clauses 1 to 7 of this Interconnector Access Agreement "**IAA**" govern the admission of the New Shipper to this IAA and the Interconnector Access Code "**IAC**".
- 2.2 Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions) to this IAA sets out general terms and conditions applicable to the provision of the Transportation Services by Interconnector to the Shipper.
- 2.3 Appendix B (Definitions and Interpretation) to this IAA sets out the definitions and interpretation applicable to the IAA and the IAC.

**3. The Interconnector Access Code**

- 3.1 All Transportation Services provided to the Shipper are governed by the procedures, rules and regulations contained in the IAC.

**4. Admission of the New Shipper**

- 4.1 The New Shipper is admitted by Interconnector as a Shipper with effect from the Effective Date in consideration of:
  - (a) the New Shipper having satisfied the requirements under this Agreement to be a Shipper; and
  - (b) the New Shipper's undertaking in Clause 4.2(c) below.
- 4.2 With effect from the Effective Date:

- (a) the New Shipper accepts its admission as a Shipper under Clause 4.1;
- (b) Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions) and Appendix B (Definitions and Interpretation) to this IAA and the IAC are given effect to and made binding between Interconnector and the New Shipper;
- (c) the New Shipper undertakes to comply with and perform its obligations under: Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions) and Appendix B (Definitions and Interpretation) to this Interconnector Access Agreement; the Interconnector Access Code; and Capacity Transactions to which it is a party;
- (d) all references to a Shipper in Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions) and Appendix B (Definitions and Interpretation) to this Interconnector Access Agreement and the Interconnector Access Code include the New Shipper.

**5. Commencement**

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement shall commence on .....**2021** ("**Effective Date**") and shall continue in effect until it is terminated in accordance with Clause 7 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions) to the Interconnector Access Agreement.

**6. Single Agreement**

This Interconnector Access Agreement, the Interconnector Access Code and the Capacity Transactions of the Shipper (if any) together form a single agreement between Interconnector and the Shipper ("**Agreement**").

**7. Notices**

For the purpose of Clause 10 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions) to the Interconnector Access Agreement, any notice to be given under this Agreement may be sent to the Parties as follows:

**Interconnector**

Address: 15-16 Buckingham Street, London, WC2N 6DU, England  
 Attn: Commercial Manager  
 Email: operations@interconnector.com

**Shipper**

Address:  
 Attn:  
 Email:

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** this Interconnector Access Agreement has been signed on behalf of each of the Parties by a duly authorised signatory.

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of  
**INTERCONNECTOR LIMITED:**

.....  
Signature

.....  
Print name

.....  
Title

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of

.....:

.....  
Signature

.....  
Print name

.....  
Title

# **Appendix A**

## **General Terms and Conditions**

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## 1. Introduction and Interpretation

- 1.1 Clauses 1 to 17 of this Appendix A are the General Terms and Conditions and a reference to a Clause is to a Clause in these General Terms and Conditions.

## 2. Invoicing and Payment

- 2.1 In each Month, Interconnector shall submit an invoice by no later than the tenth (10th) day to the Shipper (either by the Interconnector Information System or other means specified under Clause 12.2) showing the Monthly Charge to be paid by the Shipper for the immediately preceding Month and the amount of VAT payable (if any) in respect of each item in the invoice to which VAT applies.

- 2.2 The Shipper shall pay the Monthly Charge:

- (a) in Pounds Sterling or Euros (as invoiced) in immediately available and freely transferable funds;
- (b) by the fourteenth (14th) day after receipt by the Shipper of Interconnector's invoice or the Business Day which is immediately before the fourteenth (14th) day, if the fourteenth (14th) day itself is not a Business Day (the "**Due Date**").

- 2.3 Payment shall be treated as having been made when the full amount due is credited to the Interconnector bank account: (a) without any discount associated with the transfer of monies; and (b) at the expense of the Shipper (except that any expenses charged by Interconnector's bank with respect to such payment shall be borne by Interconnector).

- 2.4 If the Shipper disputes any sum specified in an invoice, it shall pay:

- (a) the undisputed portion by the Due Date; and
- (b) any amount:
  - (i) agreed by the Parties or determined in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set out in Clause 14 to be payable; and
  - (ii) interest calculated on those amounts as set out in Clause 2.5 below;

within fourteen (14) days after such agreement or determination, or the Business Day which is immediately before the fourteenth (14th) day, if the fourteenth (14th) day itself is not a Business Day.

- 2.5 Interest shall be payable by the Shipper or Interconnector on a disputed amount which is agreed or determined to be payable. Interest shall accrue from the date such amount was originally payable to the date of actual payment at a rate of interest equal to the aggregate of LIBOR (three (3) months) plus two per cent (2%), compounded quarterly.

- 2.6 Should the Shipper or Interconnector fail to make payment on the Due Date of any invoiced sum due, interest shall accrue at a rate of interest equal to the aggregate of LIBOR (1 month) plus three per cent (3%), compounded monthly, except for disputed amounts to which Clause 2.5 applies.

- 2.7 An invoice shall be deemed to be final and accepted by the Shipper unless it has been disputed within ninety (90) days from its date of issue.

- 2.8 (a) All payments required to be made by the Shipper shall be calculated without reference to any set-off, counterclaim or Tax and shall be made free and clear of and without any deduction for or withholding on account of any set-off, counterclaim or Tax and where the Shipper is required to make payment subject to deduction or withholding, the sums to be paid to Interconnector by the Shipper are to be increased to ensure that Interconnector receives the payment of all sums due had no such deduction or withholding been made.
- (b) Where Interconnector is required to make any payment on account of any set-off, counterclaim or Tax that arises in relation to any payment the Shipper is to make or makes to Interconnector, the Shipper indemnifies Interconnector for the amount of any such payment Interconnector is required to make, (together with related interest, penalties or other costs) provided that Interconnector shall use reasonable endeavours to minimise the amount of such payment. This indemnity shall not apply to corporation tax chargeable on Interconnector's profits.
- 2.9 Either Party may refer a dispute relating to calculation of a sum in an amount of at least ten thousand Pounds Sterling (£10,000) or an equivalent amount in Euros payable under an invoice under this Agreement (including without limitation a Termination Amount or an amount payable under an indemnity) to determination by an Expert under Clause 14 of this Agreement.

### 3. Credit Terms

3.1 The Shipper shall by the earliest of:

- (a) the date that is five (5) Business Days after the allocation of Contracted Capacity; or
- (b) 12.00 hours (UKT) / 13.00 hours (CET) one (1) Business Day prior to use of Registered Capacity; or
- (c) the time and date specified in any notice given by Interconnector under Clause 3.5; for remainder of the Term either:
- (i) maintain a long term debt rating in respect of its long term unsecured debt ("**Rating**") from Standard & Poor's Rating Services of at least BBB+, from Moody's Investors Service Limited of at least Baa1 or from Fitch Ratings Incorporated of at least BBB+ (the "**Ratings Test**"); or
- (ii) provide and maintain Acceptable Credit Support equal to the Credit Support Amount Interconnector notifies to the Shipper (as such Credit Support Amount may be revised by a notice given under Clause 3.5);

the criteria in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) being the "**Credit Criteria**".

3.2 For the purpose of this Clause 3:

- (a) "**Acceptable Credit Support**" is one of or a combination of the following:
- (i) a guarantee executed by a company or an entity that is acceptable to Interconnector with a Rating at least equal to the Ratings Test in the form of Interconnector's standard published form of guarantee or such other form that is acceptable to Interconnector;



- (ii) an irrevocable standby letter of credit issued in favour of Interconnector opened or confirmed by an international bank that is acceptable to Interconnector and has a Rating at least equal to the Ratings Test and is in the form of Interconnector's standard published letter of credit or in such other form that is acceptable to Interconnector; or
  - (iii) cash cover in Pounds Sterling.
- (b) the "**Credit Support Amount**" in respect of the Shipper is the greater of:
- (i) one hundred thousand Pounds Sterling (£100,000); and
  - (ii) the Shipper's Exposure as calculated or recalculated by Interconnector at the times referred to in paragraph (c) below;

and references in this Agreement to a Shipper's Credit Support Amount is the most recent Credit Support Amount Interconnector has notified to such Shipper;

- (c) the "**Exposure**" of the Shipper is the aggregate of the Shipper's highest estimated Monthly Charges for any two (2) Months in a period in which the Shipper holds Registered Capacity, as may be recalculated under Clause 3.3;
- (d) the "**Credit Support Provider**" is the provider of a guarantee in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) above or an irrevocable standby letter of credit in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) above.

3.3 Interconnector shall at regular intervals:

- (a) monitor and review each Shipper's compliance with the Credit Criteria; and
- (b) recalculate the Exposure of each Shipper and notify the Shipper if there is an increase in the Credit Support Amount applicable to such Shipper.

3.4 The Shipper shall immediately give Interconnector written notice if for any reason the Shipper has ceased to or shall cease to comply with the Credit Criteria.

3.5 Interconnector may give the Shipper written notice requiring the Shipper within five (5) Business Days after such notice is given to either:

- (a) provide and maintain Acceptable Credit Support equal to the Credit Support Amount where:
  - (i) the Shipper fails to pay any amount due on the Due Date or such other date on which payment falls due and that amount remains unpaid for a period of not less than three (3) days after being notified by Interconnector to make payment;
  - (ii) the Shipper commits a material breach of any term of this Agreement (other than payment terms) and the breach is irremediable or if the breach is remediable the Shipper fails to remedy that breach within three (3) days after being notified by Interconnector in writing to do so;
  - (iii) the Shipper's Rating ceases to satisfy the Ratings Test or the Shipper ceases to have a Rating;

- (iv) the Credit Support Provider ceases to be acceptable to Interconnector pursuant to Clause 3.2 (a) or fails to comply with any obligation under Acceptable Credit Support provided;
  - (v) there is evidence of a deterioration in the financial standing or creditworthiness of the Shipper that will affect the ability of the Shipper to perform its material obligations and/or payment obligations under this Agreement; or
- (b) increase the Credit Support Amount under the Acceptable Credit Support or replace the Acceptable Credit Support provided (as the case may be) where:
- (i) the Shipper fails to pay any amount due on the Due Date or such other date on which payment falls due and that amount remains unpaid for a period of not less than three (3) days after being notified by Interconnector to make payment;
  - (ii) the Shipper commits a material breach of any term of this Agreement (other than payment terms) and the breach is irremediable or if the breach is remediable the Shipper fails to remedy that breach within (3) days after being notified by Interconnector in writing to do so;
  - (iii) the Shipper has provided Acceptable Credit Support and the recalculated Exposure under Clause 3.3 exceeds the previously calculated Exposure; or
  - (iv) Interconnector has called upon or enforced Acceptable Credit Support in accordance with Clause 3.6 or the Acceptable Credit Support expires or ceases to be valid;
  - (v) the Credit Support Provider ceases to be acceptable to Interconnector or fails to comply with any obligation under Acceptable Credit Support provided;
  - (vi) there is evidence of a deterioration in the financial standing or creditworthiness of the Shipper that will affect the ability of the Shipper to perform its material obligations and/or payment obligations under this Agreement.

3.6 Interconnector may call upon or enforce Acceptable Credit Support in accordance with its terms where the Acceptable Credit Support is a guarantee or irrevocable standby letter of credit or in accordance with Clause 3.9 where Acceptable Credit Support is cash cover to satisfy the Shipper's obligations under this Agreement.

3.7 The Shipper shall provide the following documents in connection with a guarantee provided under Clause 3.2(a)(i) by no later than five (5) Business Days before the effective date of the guarantee:

- (a) a copy, certified as a true copy by a duly authorised officer of the Shipper's guarantor of the constitutional documents of the guarantor as at the date of the guarantee;
- (b) a copy, certified as a true copy by a duly authorised officer of the guarantor, of a resolution of the board of directors (or a duly appointed committee of the directors) of the guarantor:
  - (i) approving the terms of, and the transactions contemplated by, the guarantee and resolving that it execute, deliver and perform the guarantee;
  - (ii) authorising a specified person or persons to execute the guarantee on its behalf;

- (iii) authorising a specified person or persons, on its behalf, to sign or despatch all documents and notices to be signed or despatched by it under or in connection with the guarantee;
  - (iv) where a resolution of a committee of directors has been provided, a copy, certified as a true copy by a duly authorised officer of the guarantor of a resolution of the directors of the guarantor appointing such committee; and
  - (v) a legal opinion addressed to Interconnector on enforceability of the guarantee and on capacity and authority of the guarantor from external legal advisers to the guarantor in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the guarantor.
- 3.8 Any cash cover provided by a Shipper under Clause 3.2(a)(iii) shall be retained in an interest bearing account in Interconnector's name or in an account over which Interconnector has a first ranking security interest.
- 3.9 Any cash cover provided by a Shipper and interest earned thereon may be applied by Interconnector on notice to the Shipper to satisfy any payment obligations of the Shipper when due and payable under this Agreement.
- 3.10 Except where this Agreement provides otherwise any interest earned on the cash cover shall belong to the Shipper and shall be paid annually to the bank account nominated by the Shipper within ten (10) Business Days of the end of each Gas Year.
- 3.11 No interest shall accrue and be payable to the Shipper if:
- (a) the cash cover is applied by Interconnector to satisfy any payment obligations of the Shipper; or
  - (b) the Shipper's access to the Transportation Services has been suspended or terminated pursuant to Clause 7.
- 3.12 Subject to Clause 3.9, Interconnector shall repay any cash cover and accrued interest to a Shipper within ten (10) Business Days of:
- (a) Interconnector receiving written notice from the Shipper requesting repayment of any cash cover and accrued interest; or
  - (b) the Shipper terminating this Agreement pursuant to Clause 7.7.

#### **4. Representations and Warranties**

- 4.1 Each Party represents and warrants to the other at all times during the Term that:
- (a) it has the full power and authority to execute, perform and observe this Agreement and any credit support provided under it;
  - (b) it has obtained all necessary governing body and shareholder approvals to authorise the execution, performance and observance of this Agreement and any credit support provided under it;
  - (c) it has obtained, maintains in full force and effect and is compliant with: (i) the conditions of all necessary governmental and other consents, licences, authorisations, approvals and registrations required in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement; or (ii) any credit support provided under it;

- (d) the execution, performance and observance by it of this Agreement and any credit support provided under it will not result in any breach of its articles of association or other constitutional documents, or any provision contained in any agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound or any law, regulation, judgment, decree or order applicable to it; and
- (e) this Agreement and any credit support provided under it will, after it is executed, constitute legally valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

4.2 The Shipper represents and warrants to Interconnector at all times during the Term:

- (a) it shall have good title to all Natural Gas which it supplies or makes available, or which it causes to be supplied or made available, at the Entry Point(s) for delivery;
- (b) any such Natural Gas referred to in paragraph (a) will be free from all liens, charges, encumbrances, Taxes, assessments and adverse claims of every description;
- (c) it will comply with the Credit Criteria;
- (d) it is a party to and compliant with any industry codes, agreements or documents it is required to be a party to in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (e) it acts as principal and not as agent of any other person or entity;
- (f) it is not subject to an Insolvency Event;
- (g) there is not to its knowledge any pending or threatened litigation or any action, suit or proceeding against it that may affect its obligations under this Agreement, or any credit support provided under it; and
- (h) it is compliant with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the prevention or facilitation of tax evasion.

4.3 The Shipper indemnifies Interconnector in respect of a breach of the representations and warranties contained in Clause 4.2(a) and in Clause 4.2(b).

## 5. Bribery and Corrupt Practices

5.1 A Party shall (and shall procure that any Related Person shall):

- (a) comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and codes related to anti-bribery and anti-corruption that is of mandatory application to Interconnector or the Shipper (as the case may be) including without limitation the Bribery Act 2010, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or other similar legislation in other jurisdictions ("**Anti Bribery Laws**");
- (b) not engage in any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute an offence under Sections 1, 2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010 if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the United Kingdom;
- (c) have and maintain in place during the Term policies and procedures to ensure compliance with this Clause 5.1.

5.2 Interconnector may, where it reasonably believes that there is a breach of Clause 5.1(a) or (b) by the Shipper, at any time during the Term request that the Shipper provide

certification in writing, signed by two directors, that the Shipper is and has been throughout the Term in full compliance with the requirements of Clause 5.1 (a) or (b). Interconnector may also request such information as it might reasonably require to confirm such compliance.

## **6. Force Majeure**

- 6.1 The expression "**Force Majeure**" shall mean any event(s) or circumstance(s) or combination of event(s) or circumstance(s) affecting the Transportation System or the Interconnector Information System beyond the control of a Party (the "**Affected Party**") acting and having acted in accordance with the standard of a Reasonable and Prudent Operator and which results in the Affected Party being unable to perform or delays performance (in whole or part) of any one or more of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 6.2 The events or circumstances described below (without limitation) constitute Force Majeure where they satisfy the requirements stated in Clause 6.1:
- (a) acts of God;
  - (b) forces of nature;
  - (c) wars, insurrections, acts of terrorism, riots;
  - (d) fires, landslides, floods, earthquakes, explosions;
  - (e) seriously adverse weather conditions;
  - (f) acts of any Governmental Authority or Regulator (whether or not legally valid);
  - (g) strikes, industrial action or unrest, lock-outs;
  - (h) breakdown or accidents affecting the Transportation System or any other facilities used by Interconnector for implementing all or any part of this Agreement; and
  - (i) unavailability of any of the following that are required in relation to the operation of the Transportation System: transport; raw materials; pressure of Natural Gas delivered from an AT System at the level required to maintain gas flows through the Transportation System; or energy supplies from third parties.
- 6.3 Notwithstanding anything in Clause 6.1 or 6.2 or any other provision in this Agreement, the following events or circumstances shall not be treated as being Force Majeure or caused thereby:
- (a) failure to pay money when due;
  - (b) failure to give any notice required by this Agreement unless such failure was due to Force Majeure affecting all means of serving notices specified in Clause 11;
  - (c) any event or circumstance or combination of events or circumstances resulting in restrictions on the gas supplies a Shipper is to make available for delivery to the Transportation System at an Entry Point.
- 6.4 The Affected Party shall, for the duration of the Force Majeure, be relieved from performance of its obligations (other than its payment obligations) under this Agreement if, and to the extent that, it is unable to perform or is delayed in performance by Force Majeure (unless the Affected Party does not take reasonable steps to prevent or mitigate Force Majeure, including those described in Clause 6.6 below).

- 6.5 If the Affected Party is unable to take delivery of Natural Gas or to redeliver Natural Gas due to Force Majeure and the Affected Party takes reasonable steps to prevent or mitigate Force Majeure, as described in Clause 6.6 below, the Monthly Charge shall be adjusted for the Contracted Capacity a Shipper holds that is affected by the Force Majeure, so that the Shipper shall pay:
- (a) for the first three (3) consecutive months of the Force Majeure, ninety five percent (95%) of the Capacity Charges;
  - (b) where the Force Majeure continues for more than three (3) consecutive months, no Capacity Charges for the period after the first three (3) consecutive months of the Force Majeure until the Force Majeure ceases.
- 6.6 The Affected Party where a Force Majeure has occurred shall:
- (a) use reasonable endeavours and employ reasonable means (as would be used or employed by a Reasonable and Prudent Operator at a reasonable cost) to remedy or abate the Force Majeure as soon as reasonably practicable;
  - (b) notify the other Party in writing, as soon as may be reasonably practicable, of:
    - (i) the occurrence, the cause of and the expected duration of the Force Majeure and the means proposed to be adopted to remedy or abate the Force Majeure;
    - (ii) the date and time of resumption of performance after the Force Majeure has terminated or has abated to an extent which permits resumption of performance to occur.
- 6.7 Where an event of Force Majeure has occurred and has continued for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months and Interconnector decides it is unable economically to provide the Registered Capacity allocated to Shippers and notifies all Shippers of such decision, either Party may upon written notice to the other Party terminate this Agreement and all (and not part) of its Capacity Transactions arising under it.

## **7. Suspension and Termination**

- 7.1 Without affecting any other right or remedy available to it under this Agreement, Interconnector may suspend with immediate effect, access by the Shipper to the Transportation Services under this Agreement and all Capacity Transactions arising under it, if:
- (a) the Shipper fails to pay any amount due on the Due Date or such other date on which payment falls due and that amount remains unpaid for a period of not less than three (3) days after being notified in writing by Interconnector to make payment;
  - (b) the Shipper commits a material breach of any term of this Agreement (other than payment terms) and the breach is irremediable or (if the breach is remediable) the Shipper fails to remedy that breach within a period of three (3) days after being notified in writing by Interconnector to do so;
  - (c) the Shipper repeatedly breaches or is in persistent breach of any of the terms of this Agreement in such a manner as to reasonably justify the opinion that it has repudiated, rejected or disaffirmed in whole or in part the terms of this Agreement;

- (d) any warranty or representation given by the Shipper in Clause 4 is untrue or misleading;
- (e) the Shipper does not satisfy or ceases to satisfy the Credit Criteria; or
- (f) the Credit Support Provider in respect of a Shipper ceases to be acceptable to Interconnector pursuant to Clause 3.2 (a) or fails to comply with any obligation under Acceptable Credit Support.

7.2 Where a Shipper's access is suspended:

- (a) such Shipper may not use its Registered Capacity or acquire Offered Capacity under any Allocation Mechanism;
- (b) Interconnector may include all or part of the Registered Capacity of the suspended Shipper as Offered Capacity in an Allocation Mechanism as provided under paragraph 6.4 of Section B of the IAC;
- (c) such Shipper shall remain liable to pay Interconnector all Capacity Charges and other amounts which are due and payable to Interconnector and outstanding as at the date of such suspension or that fall due during the period of any suspension (except where Interconnector exercises its right to draw on credit support provided in respect of the suspended Shipper to satisfy payment of all such amounts);
- (d) Interconnector shall not be liable to pay any amounts or apply any rebates to amounts payable by the suspended Shipper, including in respect of the suspended Shipper's Registered Capacity that Interconnector re-allocates to another Shipper under sub-paragraph (b), whether or not due, during the period of suspension.

7.3 Where Interconnector is satisfied that the circumstances leading to suspension of the Shipper cease to exist, the suspension of the Shipper's access to the Transportation Services shall cease and Interconnector shall:

- (a) (unless the Shipper owes any amounts to Interconnector) apply any rebates and any payments owing from Interconnector to the Shipper (including Re-allocated Capacity Payments under Section F paragraph 6 of the IAC in respect of any Re-Allocated Capacity) to set-off amounts due and owing from such Shipper and Interconnector shall pay any balance that remains after such set-off to the Shipper, within two (2) Months after the date on which the suspension ceases; and
- (b) permit the Shipper to use its Registered Capacity in respect of which the Capacity Period has not expired, provided that where all or part of the Registered Capacity of the Shipper has been re-allocated to another Shipper, the Shipper may only use it once the period of re-allocation ends.

7.4 Without affecting any other right or remedy available to it under this Agreement, a Party may terminate this Agreement and all (and not some) outstanding Capacity Transactions under it with immediate effect by giving notice to the other Party if an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the other Party or the other Party has committed an offence under Anti-Bribery Laws or is in breach of Clause 4.2(h) or Clause 5.1(b).

7.5 Without affecting any other right or remedy available to it under this Agreement, where:

- (a) the Shipper's access has been suspended by Interconnector under clause 7.1(a) and the Shipper has not remedied the non-payment within ten (10) Business Days after the date of suspension;

- (b) the Shipper's access has been suspended by Interconnector under clause 7.1(b) or (c) and the Shipper has not remedied the reason for suspension within ten (10) Business Days after the date of suspension;
- (c) the Shipper's access has been suspended by Interconnector under clause 7.1(d), (e) or (f) and the Shipper has not remedied the event or circumstance giving rise to suspension within five (5) Business Days after the date of suspension;

and there is no evidence that the Shipper intends to remedy or shall remedy the event or circumstance giving rise to suspension within the required period or the event or circumstance is incapable of remedy, Interconnector shall terminate this Agreement and all (and not some) outstanding Capacity Transactions of the Shipper under this Agreement by written notice to the Shipper. The notice of termination shall specify the reason for termination and designate a date of termination that will be no later than twenty (20) days after the date on which notice is given.

7.6 Where Interconnector has terminated this Agreement with the Shipper and all outstanding Capacity Transactions with the Shipper under this Agreement under Clause 7.4 or 7.5, the Shipper shall cease to be entitled to its Registered Capacity and access to the Transportation Services and Interconnector shall calculate an amount equal to the sum of:

- (a) all amounts due and payable that are unpaid by the Shipper at the date of termination, including in respect of the events or circumstances leading to such termination and under any indemnities in this Agreement; and
- (b) all of the Monthly Charges that would have been payable by the Shipper in respect of its Registered Capacity for all Capacity Period(s) from the date of termination up to a maximum of ten (10) Gas Years after the date of termination;

(the "**Termination Amount**") which shall become immediately due and shall be payable on a date Interconnector specifies. Payment of such Termination Amount shall constitute full and final satisfaction of a Shipper's obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

Where Interconnector subsequent to such termination makes available and allocates to other Shipper(s) within three (3) Months after the date of termination Capacity that was registered to the terminated Shipper in accordance with paragraph 1.2 of Section B of the IAC and Interconnector receives payment of Capacity Charges from such Shipper(s) in respect of such Capacity, the Termination Amount shall be reduced by the amount of Capacity Charges Interconnector receives in respect of such resold Capacity.

7.7 This Agreement may be terminated by a Shipper, upon such Shipper giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing of such termination to Interconnector, subject to:

- (a) the relevant Shipper not holding Registered Capacity in respect of any Gas Days after the date of termination;
- (b) there being no outstanding or accrued obligations or liabilities of the relevant Shipper in respect of Registered Capacity it holds on or before the date of termination; and
- (c) there being no obligations or liabilities of the relevant Shipper falling due after the date of termination in respect of Registered Capacity it holds on or before the date of termination other than in respect of the Monthly Administration Fee payable for the Month in which such termination occurs.

7.8 Having regard to Interconnector's statutory duties, in particular the obligation to take system integrity and efficient operation into account when making capacity available



and its obligation to act in a manner to ensure that it always has available such resources to properly and efficiently participate in the operation of the Pipeline (under Standard Licence Condition 19(1) of the Interconnector Licence):

if at any time, after having considered all reasonable solutions, Interconnector decides it is unable economically to provide the Registered Capacity allocated to Shippers, Interconnector may (after having notified Ofgem and CREG of its decision and the reasons for such decision) at its sole discretion terminate upon no less than twelve (12) months' notice to all Shippers this Agreement and all (and not part) of Interconnector's obligations arising in respect of Capacity Transactions for Registered Capacity to all Shippers and shall repay to such Shippers any cash cover provided before such termination date to Interconnector (if any) in respect of such Registered Capacity.

7.9 Where this Agreement is terminated under any of Clauses 6.7, 7.7, 7.8 or 17.5:

- (a) the Shipper will cease to be entitled to Registered Capacity and access to the Transportation Services; and
- (b) such termination will not affect accrued obligations and liabilities of the Parties outstanding at the date of termination provided that neither Party will have any further liabilities or obligations after the date of such termination.

7.10 This Clause 7.10 and Clauses 2, 4.3, 6.5, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 and Section H of the IAC shall survive termination of this Agreement. Clause 10 shall survive termination of this Agreement for the period specified in Clause 10.2.

## **8. Quality**

8.1 If the Shipper makes available at the Bacton Entry Point Natural Gas which does not comply with the Specification, the Shipper in addition to its obligations under Section H of the IAC (regardless of the cause or reason for such non-compliance) indemnifies Interconnector in respect of the intake into the Transportation System of such non-compliant Natural Gas and in respect of:

- (a) all costs and expenses incurred by Interconnector in clearing or cleaning all or part of the Transportation System as may be necessary following the intake of such non-compliant Natural Gas;
- (b) all costs and expenses incurred by Interconnector in taking such measures as are reasonably required to bring such Natural Gas within the Specification (including blending of the non-compliant Natural Gas);
- (c) all costs and expenses incurred by Interconnector in taking such measures that Interconnector is required to take in respect of such non-compliant Natural Gas to operate the Transportation System acting as a Reasonable and Prudent Operator in accordance with applicable laws and consents, to the extent not covered by (a) or (b) above;
- (d) where applicable, any arrangements Interconnector makes on the Shipper's behalf under paragraph 1.6(d) of Section H of the IAC;
- (e) all pollution or other loss or damage to the Pipeline inventory; and
- (f) all claims, actions and demands made against Interconnector by: (i) other Shippers; (ii) any Adjacent TSO; (iii) any ATS Shippers; or (iv) any other third Parties in so far as

such claims, actions and demands result (directly or indirectly) from such non-compliant Natural Gas.

8.2 If the Shipper makes available Natural Gas at the Zeebrugge Entry Point which does not comply with the Specification (regardless of the reason for such non-compliance) and Interconnector intakes such non-compliant Natural Gas:

(a) Interconnector shall claim from Fluxys all costs and expenses incurred by Interconnector (to the extent Fluxys is liable for such costs and expenses under the Interconnection Agreement between Interconnector and Fluxys):

- (i) in clearing or cleaning all or part of the Transportation System as may be necessary following the acceptance of such non-compliant Natural Gas;
- (ii) in taking such measures as are reasonably required to bring such Natural Gas within the Specification (including blending of the non-compliant Natural Gas);
- (iii) in taking such measures that Interconnector is required to take in respect of such non-compliant Natural Gas to operate the Transportation System acting as a Reasonable and Prudent Operator in accordance with applicable laws and consents, to the extent not covered by (i) and (ii) above;
- (iv) in respect of all pollution or other loss or damage to the Pipeline inventory; and
- (v) in respect of all claims, actions and demands (made against Interconnector by: (i) any and all Shippers; (ii) any Adjacent TSO; (iii) any and all ATS Shippers; or (iv) any other third Parties in so far as such claims, actions and demands result (directly or indirectly) from such non-compliant Natural Gas;

(b) the Shipper that makes available such non-compliant Natural Gas indemnifies Interconnector:

- (i) where applicable, for any arrangements Interconnector makes on the Shipper's behalf under paragraph 1.6(d) of Section H of the IAC;
- (ii) for all costs and expenses listed in Clause 8.2(a) in respect of which Fluxys is not liable under the Interconnection Agreement between Interconnector and Fluxys;
- (iii) for all costs and expenses listed in Clause 8.2(a) in respect of which Fluxys is liable under the Interconnection Agreement between Interconnector and Fluxys and which Interconnector is unable to recover from Fluxys.

8.3 If: (i) Interconnector makes available at the Exit Point(s), Natural Gas which does not comply with the Specification; (ii) the Natural Gas made available by the Shipper and all other Shippers is compliant with such Specification at all Entry Points; and (iii) the Shipper takes redelivery of such Natural Gas, then, unless Clause 8.4 applies, Interconnector indemnifies the Shipper in respect of the redelivery of such Natural Gas including in respect of:

(a) all costs and expenses incurred by the Shipper in clearing or cleaning any installation downstream of the Exit Point as may be necessary following the Shipper taking redelivery of such Natural Gas;

- (b) all costs and expenses incurred by the Shipper in taking such measures as are reasonably required to bring such Natural Gas within the Specification (including the blending of non-compliant gas);
- (c) all claims, actions and demands made against the Shipper by a third party (that is not a Shipper, an Adjacent TSO or an ATS Shipper) in so far as such claims, actions and demands result (directly or indirectly) from the Shipper taking redelivery of such Natural Gas which does not comply with the Specification.

8.4 If Natural Gas Interconnector makes available at any Exit Point does not comply with the Specification as a result of the intake of non-compliant Natural Gas at any Entry Point or Force Majeure:

- (a) Interconnector shall not be regarded as being in breach of this Agreement;
- (b) Interconnector shall have no liability therefor (nor shall there be any reduction in the Monthly Charge in respect thereof).

Disputes

8.5 Either Party refer a dispute that relates to compliance of any Natural Gas (delivered at an Entry Point or redelivered at an Exit Point under this Agreement) with the Specification to determination by an Expert in accordance with Clause 14.

## **9. Liability and Risk**

General

9.1 Neither Interconnector nor the Shipper shall be liable to the other for:

- (a) any Consequential Losses; or
- (b) any special or incidental loss or damage;

sustained as a result of any action or failure on the part of Interconnector or on the part of the Shipper (including, for this purpose, their respective contractors, subcontractors, employees or representatives) except that such exclusion shall not apply to liability under each of the indemnities in Clauses 2.8(b) and 4.3, 8.1(f) and 8.2(b).

9.2 The Party in whose favour the indemnities contained in Clauses 2.8(b), 4.3, 8.1 and 8.2 above is given shall:

- (a) notify the indemnifying Party as soon as reasonably practicable of any claim or fact or circumstance which may give rise to a claim;
- (b) not make any admission of liability or any admission of any material fact or matter relating to a claim without the written agreement of the indemnifying Party;
- (c) permit the indemnifying Party to conduct the defence and settlement of any claim (subject to the indemnifying Party undertaking to provide the other Party with such information in relation thereto as that other Party may from time to time reasonably request).

9.3 Nothing in this Agreement restricts or limits a Party's obligation under law to mitigate a loss it may suffer or incur or has suffered or incurred that may give rise to a claim under an indemnity given in this Agreement.

- 9.4 Nothing in this Agreement excludes or limits the liability of either Party for death or personal injury resulting from the negligence of such Party.
- 9.5 Nothing in this Agreement prevents either Party from or restricts it in enforcing any obligation (including suing for a debt) owed to it under or pursuant to this Agreement.
- 9.6 Subject to Clause 9.9 nothing in this Agreement shall be a waiver by either Party of any right or remedy it has (other than under this Agreement) in respect of a breach by the other Party of any applicable law.
- 9.7 Subject to Clause 9.6, where this Agreement provides that any amount to be payable by a Party upon or in respect of that Party's breach of any provision of this Agreement or termination of this Agreement the remedy conferred by such provision is exclusive of and is in substitution for any remedy in damages in respect of such breach or the event or circumstances giving rise to such breach.
- 9.8 Where this Agreement provides that any amount to be payable by a Party upon or in respect of that Party's breach of any provision of this Agreement or termination of this Agreement the Parties confirm that the amount payable is reasonable and proportionate to protect the interest of the Party in receipt of such payment.
- 9.9 The rights and remedies of the Parties pursuant to this Agreement exclude and are in place of any rights or remedies of either Party in tort (including negligence and nuisance) in respect of the subject matter of this Agreement and accordingly, but without affecting the operation of Clauses 9.4 and 9.5 each Party waives any rights or remedies and releases the other Party from any duties or liabilities arising in tort in respect of the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 9.10 The maximum amount of Interconnector's liability:
- (a) to the Shipper under this Agreement for an event or a series of events (whether related or unrelated) arising from any breach of or an act or omission of Interconnector in the course of or in connection with its performance of this Agreement in any Gas Year is two million Pounds Sterling (£2,000,000); and
  - (b) to all Shippers under all Shipper Agreements for an event or a series of events (whether related or unrelated) arising in any Gas Year is four million Pounds Sterling (£4,000,000) and where Interconnector would otherwise be liable for an aggregate amount to Shippers in excess of four million Pounds Sterling (£4,000,000) in a Gas Year, Interconnector's liability to each Shipper will be reduced on a pro rata basis so that such limit is not exceeded.

This limit on liability does not apply to the indemnities given under Clause 8.3 and this Clause does not affect the operation of Clause 9.1.

- 9.11 The maximum amount of the Shipper's liability to Interconnector under this Agreement for any event or series of events (whether related or unrelated) arising from any breach of or an act or omission of the Shipper in the course of or in connection with its performance under this Agreement in any Gas Year is two million Pounds Sterling (£2,000,000) except that no maximum amount applies to a Termination Amount claimed in accordance with Clause 7.6 or the indemnity given under Clause 2.8(b). This limit on liability does not apply to the indemnities given under Clauses 8.1 and 8.2(b) and this Clause does not affect the operation of Clause 9.1.

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- 9.12 Interconnector's liability for an event or series of events arising in any Gas Year:

- (a) to the Shipper under the indemnity in Clause 8.3 is subject to a maximum amount of five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000);
- (b) to all Shippers under the indemnity in Clause 8.3 in all Shipper Agreements is subject to a maximum amount of five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000) and where Interconnector would otherwise be liable for an aggregate amount to Shippers in excess of five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000) in a Gas Year, Interconnector's liability to each Shipper will be reduced on a pro rata basis so that such limit is not exceeded.

9.13 The Shipper's liability to Interconnector under the indemnity in Clause 8.1 and the indemnity in Clause 8.2(b) is subject to a maximum amount of five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000) for an event or series of events arising in any Gas Year during the Enduring Period.

9.14 If any event or series of events occurs (whether related or unrelated) in any Gas Year in respect of which the Shipper is liable to Interconnector:

- (a) under Clause 8.1 or Clause 8.2(b); and
- (b) under any other provision of this Agreement,

the maximum amount in aggregate of the Shipper's liability to Interconnector shall be five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000) which will apply in substitution for the limits of liability set out in Clause 9.11 and Clause 9.13.

9.15 If any event or series of events occurs (whether related or unrelated) in any Gas Year in respect of which Interconnector is liable to the Shipper:

- (a) under Clause 8.3; and
- (b) under any other provision of this Agreement,

the maximum amount in aggregate of Interconnector's liability to the Shipper or to Shippers shall be five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000) which shall apply in substitution for the limits of liability set out in Clause 9.10 and Clause 9.12. Where Interconnector would otherwise be liable for an aggregate amount to Shippers in excess of five million Pounds Sterling (£5,000,000) in a Gas Year, Interconnector's liability to each Shipper will be reduced on a pro rata basis so that such limit is not exceeded.

Risk

9.16 Risk in Natural Gas made available by the Shipper to Interconnector shall pass from the Shipper to Interconnector at an Entry Point. Risk in Natural Gas made available by Interconnector to the Shipper shall pass from Interconnector to the Shipper at an Exit Point.

## **10. Confidentiality**

10.1 Each Party shall give the other all such information:

- (a) as may be reasonably necessary and within that Party's control so as to enable the other to exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under this Agreement; or
- (b) that must be disclosed to the other Party to enable the other Party to comply with any applicable laws, rules or regulations or the request of a Regulator or Governmental Authority.

- 10.2 Any information acquired or received by either of the Parties from the other under or pursuant to this Agreement, where it is identified as confidential by the disclosing Party or which by its nature would in the ordinary course reasonably be considered confidential, shall be held strictly confidential while this Agreement is in force and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. Such information shall not be divulged in any way by either Party to any third party without the prior written approval of the other Party, unless it has become a matter of public record (other than as a result of any breach of this Clause 10).
- 10.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 10.2, a Party may disclose any information (in the case of (d), (e), (f), (j) and (k) after first having given notice in writing to the other Party of any intended disclosure where permitted under law):
- (a) to any Affiliated Company or to any professional advisers, auditors or consultants (to the extent required for the proper execution of their work) of such Party provided that the relevant Party at all times procures that any person to whom any such information is disclosed at all times treats that information as confidential in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 10;
  - (b) to any bona fide intending transferee of the whole or a significant part of the issued share capital of such Party or to any bona fide assignee of the whole or any part of such Party's interest under this Agreement provided that the relevant Party at all times procures that any person to whom any such information is disclosed at all times treats that information as confidential in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 10;
  - (c) to any financier or bank or financial institution from whom such Party has obtained or is seeking finance or finance related services provided that the relevant Party at all times procures that any person to whom any such information is disclosed at all times treats that information as confidential in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 10;
  - (d) to the extent required by law, rules or regulations or in relation to any stock market regulations;
  - (e) to the extent required by the order of any court having competent jurisdiction;
  - (f) to any competent tax authority;
  - (g) to any directors, officer or employee of the Party in question or to any person engaged in the provision of goods or services to or for such Party if disclosure is necessary or expedient to enable the Party in question to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to enforce its rights under this Agreement, provided that the relevant Party at all times procures that any person to whom any such information is disclosed at all times treats that information as confidential in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 10;
  - (h) to any Expert provided that such Expert has entered into a confidentiality undertaking as provided for in Clause 14.3 below;
  - (i) in the course of, and as required or reasonably necessary for the purposes of, any litigation or arbitration;
  - (j) to any Regulator;
  - (k) to any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the submitting Party.

10.4 Interconnector may from time to time make publicly available aggregated information and information relating to the operation of the Transportation System.

**11. Notices**

11.1 Except for those communications that are referred to in Clause 12.1, a notice given to a Party under or in connection with this Agreement:

- (a) shall be in writing and in English;
- (b) shall be signed by or on behalf of the Party giving it;
- (c) shall be sent to the Party for the attention of the contact and at the address listed or referred to in Clause 7 of the main body of this IAA (or to such other contact and address notified by the Party);
- (d) may be sent by a method listed in this Clause 11 except that a notice given under Clause 6 that is sent by email must also be sent by another method; and
- (e) unless proved otherwise is deemed received as set out in Clause 11.2 if prepared and sent in accordance with this Clause 11.

11.2 This table sets out:

- (a) delivery methods for sending a notice to a Party under this Agreement; and
- (b) for each delivery method, the corresponding delivery date and time when delivery of the notice is deemed to have taken place provided that all other requirements in this Clause have been satisfied subject to the provisions in Clause 11.3.

<b>Delivery method</b>	<b>Deemed delivery date and time</b>
Delivery by hand or by courier.	On signature of a delivery receipt or at the time the notice is left at the address.
Pre-paid first class recorded delivery post or other next working day delivery service providing proof of postage or delivery.	9.00 am on the second Business Day after posting or at the time recorded by the delivery service.
Email.	On the date and at the time it is sent to the email address.

11.3 For the purpose of Clause 11.2 and calculating deemed receipt:

- (a) all references to time are to local time in the place of deemed receipt; and
- (b) if deemed receipt would occur on a day other than a Business Day, receipt is deemed to take place at 9.00 am on the next Business Day in the place of receipt.

11.4 This Clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

## **12. Communications and Exchange of Information**

- 12.1 All invoices, bids or applications to purchase Capacity, offers for Buy-back, Nominations, Allocations and other communications which are required to be given or made by the Shipper to Interconnector or by Interconnector to the Shipper in accordance with this Agreement shall be given or made electronically on the Interconnector Information System unless permitted to be made on the Joint Booking Platform under Section B of the IAC or such other method as specified by Interconnector.
- 12.2 Where the Interconnector Information System is not available, all invoices, bids or applications to purchase Capacity, offers for Buy-back, Nominations, Allocations and other communications shall for the duration of such event be given or made by such alternative means as are specified by Interconnector.
- 12.3 The Shipper's access to the Interconnector Information System shall be subject to the provisions of Section J of the IAC.
- 12.4 All invoices, bids or applications to purchase Capacity, offers for Buy-back, Nominations, Allocations and other communications are:
- (a) given or made where they are entered on or electronically transmitted to the Interconnector Information System and may be accessed on the Interconnector Information System; and
  - (b) are deemed to have been received by the relevant recipient(s) at the time when they are given or made.

## **13. General**

- 13.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between them, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter except to the extent that the Parties are parties to a Standard Transportation Agreement and such subject matter is governed by the Standard Transportation Agreement. Each Party acknowledges that in entering into this Agreement it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that is not set out in this Agreement. Each Party agrees that it shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation or negligent misstatement based on any statement in this Agreement. Nothing in this Clause 13.1 shall limit or exclude any liability for fraud.
- 13.2 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each Party shall pay its own costs incurred in connection with the negotiation, preparation, and execution of this Agreement.
- 13.3 A waiver of any right or remedy under this Agreement or by law is only effective if given in writing and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default.
- 13.4 A failure or delay by a Party to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict any further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 13.5 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, the rights and remedies provided under this Agreement are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any rights or remedies provided by English law.



- 13.6 If any provision or part-provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part-provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this Clause 13.6 shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of this Agreement.
- 13.7 This Agreement is drafted in the English language. If this Agreement is translated into any other language for any reason, the English language version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy.
- 13.8 Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the English language. All other documents provided under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the English language, or accompanied by a certified English translation. If such document is translated into any other language, the English language version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy.
- 13.9 Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between any of the parties, constitute any Party the agent of another Party, or authorise any Party to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of any other Party. Each Party confirms it is acting on its own behalf and not for the benefit of any other person.
- 13.10 The IAA may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed shall constitute a duplicate original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute the one IAA.
- 13.11 A person who is not a party to this Agreement shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement except as provided under Clauses 14, 15 and 16.
- 13.12 Appendices A and B to the IAA and the IAC may be modified from time to time. Such modifications shall be apply to all Shipper Agreements (including this IAA) and the IAC on a date designated by Interconnector following: (a) completion of public consultation and consultation with Interconnector Shippers as may be required under the Interconnector Licence or applicable law; and (b) receipt of approval from applicable Regulators of such modifications.
- 13.13 The Shipper shall promptly on the request of Interconnector supply or procure the supply of such documentation and other evidence as may be reasonably requested by Interconnector in order for Interconnector to carry out "know your customer" or similar checks.

#### **14. Resolution of Claims and Disputes**

- 14.1 If any dispute arises out of or in connection with this Agreement, the Parties shall submit the matter to be resolved in accordance with the procedures as described in the remainder of Clause 14 or as described in Clause 15 below.
- 14.2 Where a matter arises under this Agreement that is to be referred to and determined by an Expert or if the Parties agree that such matter shall be referred to an Expert for determination, such matter shall be determined bilaterally between the Parties to this Agreement unless Interconnector:
- (a) reasonably determines or is notified by one or more Shipper(s) (and Interconnector agrees with the Shipper(s)) that the matter which is to be referred to and determined

by an Expert is a matter where the outcome is of common interest to one or more Shippers; and

- (b) notifies all such Shippers in writing to such effect before the matter has been referred to an Expert for determination;

then in such case that matter shall be referred and determined by the same Expert as part of one and the same expert determination procedure with all such Shippers.

14.3 The process described below shall apply to a matter to be determined by an Expert:

- (a) an Expert (who shall be a person qualified by education, experience and training and who shall have no conflict of interest) shall be appointed to determine the matter in dispute. He shall be appointed by Interconnector after obtaining the agreement to the appointee from at least fifty percent (50%) of the Shippers who are party to the relevant dispute. If the parties to the dispute have failed to agree on an Expert within fifteen (15) days, then an Expert shall be appointed by the London Court of International Arbitration, London;
- (b) the parties to the dispute shall promptly provide the Expert with all information (written or oral) and other evidence which is reasonably required for the determination;
- (c) the Expert shall initially produce his decision in draft form and shall circularise his draft decision to the Parties, who shall have a period of twenty eight (28) days in which to revert to the Expert with comments as to matters of fact (but not further or otherwise). As soon as possible after the expiry of such period of twenty eight (28) days the Expert (taking account of such, if any, of the comments of the parties to the dispute as to matters of fact as he in his sole discretion may see fit) shall finalise and render his decision (which shall be in writing in the English language and shall contain the full reasons in support of the decision), and such decision (save for any manifest error or fraud) shall be final and binding on all the parties to the dispute. The Expert shall be deemed not to act as an arbitrator, but shall render any decision as an Expert;
- (d) the costs and expenses of the Expert shall be shared equally between the parties to the dispute;
- (e) the parties to the dispute shall procure that the Expert shall sign an undertaking to be bound by the terms as to confidentiality contained in Clause 10 above.

## 15. Arbitration

- 15.1 All disputes, controversies and claims arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (except those that fall to be decided by an Expert as specifically provided for under this Agreement) shall be finally decided by arbitration under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (the "**ICC Rules**") by three (3) arbitrators (the "**Arbitrators**") appointed by the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC (the "**ICC Court**") in accordance with the said Rules. Any party to a Shipper Agreement may initiate arbitration proceedings pursuant to the Shipper Agreement against any other party to a Shipper Agreement in accordance with this Clause.
- 15.2 The ICC Court shall endeavour to select Arbitrators from countries whose laws expressly govern the agreements submitted to the ICC Court as a part of the request for arbitration.
- 15.3 The place of the arbitration shall be London, England. The language of the arbitration shall be English.

- 15.4 (a) Interconnector and the Shipper each consents on the request of the other Party in accordance with Article 7 of the ICC Rules to the joinder of any other Shipper to any arbitration commenced under this Clause 15; and
- (b) the Shipper further hereby consents to be joined to any arbitration commenced under any other Shipper Agreement on the request of any party to such arbitration in accordance with Article 7 of the ICC Rules; and
- (c) if more than one arbitration is commenced under any Shipper Agreements and any party contends that two (2) or more arbitrations are substantially related and that the issues should be heard in one (1) proceeding, the arbitrators selected in the first-filed of such proceedings shall determine whether, in the interests of justice and efficiency, the proceedings should be consolidated before those arbitrators. Interconnector and the Shipper each hereby gives its consent in accordance with Article 10 of the ICC Rules to such consolidation.
- 15.5 (a) A Party initiating arbitration proceedings pursuant to this Agreement shall prepare a written summary containing a sufficient statement of its case (the "**Summary**"), and if the Party initiating proceedings is the Shipper it shall submit the Summary to Interconnector together with a fee in such reasonable sum as shall be demanded by Interconnector at the same time as submitting its request for arbitration to the Secretariat of the ICC Court.
- (b) Within seven (7) days of receipt of such Summary (where the Party initiating proceedings is the Shipper), or within seven (7) days of submitting its Request for Arbitration to the Secretariat of the ICC Court (where the Party initiating proceedings is Interconnector), Interconnector shall send a copy of the Summary to all other Shippers (a "**Notification**").
- (c) Any party to any Shipper Agreement may, within thirty (30) days from receipt of a Notification, intervene in the arbitration proceedings referred to in a Notification (provided that, in the opinion of the relevant arbitrators, such intervention is substantially related to the subject matter of the dispute under arbitration) by filing a written notice with the Secretariat of the ICC Court. Subject to Clause 10, such written notice shall contain the required information and a copy of each such notice shall be sent immediately to Interconnector. For the avoidance of doubt, Interconnector and the Shipper each hereby consents to the intervention in proceedings initiated under this Agreement of any party to any Shipper Agreement.
- 15.6 (a) Interconnector and the Shipper shall recognise any award rendered pursuant to arbitration proceedings commenced pursuant to this Agreement and any award pursuant to any arbitration proceedings commenced under any other Shipper Agreement to which Clause 15.4 or Clause 15.5 applies (whether or not they participated in the arbitration proceedings).
- (b) The Parties hereby waive all judicial recourse against, or the setting aside of, the Award and intend this Clause to constitute a valid exclusion agreement in the sense of Article 192(1) of the Swiss Private International Law Act.
- (c) Awards shall be final and binding on the participating parties as from the date they are made. All awards may, if necessary, be enforced by any court having jurisdiction in the same manner as a judgement in such court.
- 15.7 The terms of reference for the Arbitrators shall ensure that, irrespective of any provisions in the ICC Rules, information disclosed under the arbitration proceedings is disclosed only to

third parties who are bound by obligations of confidentiality which are at least as stringent as those applicable under Clause 10.

## **16. Applicable Law and Waiver of Immunity**

- 16.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England.
- 16.2 To the extent (if at all) that the Shipper may in any jurisdiction in which proceedings may at any time be taken for the enforcement of this Agreement claim for itself or its assets immunity from suit, execution, attachment (whether in aid of execution, before judgment or otherwise) or other legal process and to the extent (if at all) that in any such jurisdiction there may be attributed to the Shipper or its assets any such immunity (whether or not claimed), the Shipper irrevocably agrees not to claim and irrevocably and unconditionally waives such immunity to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of such jurisdiction and consents in respect of each jurisdiction in which proceedings may at any time be taken for the enforcement of this Agreement to the enforcement or execution of any order or judgment that may be made or given against it in any such proceedings.
- 16.3 Nothing in any or all of Clauses 9, 14 and 15 shall affect a Party's right, where appropriate, to apply to any court of competent jurisdiction seeking:
- (a) an injunction, specific performance or similar court order to enforce the obligations of the other party; or
  - (b) any interim or provisional relief that may be necessary to protect the rights or property of that party pending resolution of the Dispute in accordance with Clause 14 or 15.

## **17. Sanctions and Use of Proceeds**

- 17.1 Each Party shall comply with applicable Sanctions.
- 17.2 The Shipper shall not use any revenue or benefit derived from any activity or dealing with a Restricted Person in discharging any obligation due or owing to Interconnector.
- 17.3 The Shipper shall promptly upon becoming aware of them, give written notice to Interconnector of the details of:
- (a) the imposition on it of any Sanctions by any Sanctions Authority; or
  - (b) any claim, action, suit, proceedings or investigation against it with respect to Sanctions by any Sanctions Authority.

A failure to give notice under this Clause 17.3 shall not result in suspension or termination under Clause 7.

- 17.4 Where, after the Effective Date, a Party becomes aware of a potential Illegality (as defined in Clause 17.5 below), it shall notify the other Party and:
- (a) either Party; or
  - (b) both Parties;

may take such actions permitted by law to prevent such potential Illegality or mitigate the effects of such potential Illegality on the performance of obligation(s) under or in

connection with Capacity Transaction(s) or this Agreement to the extent they may be affected by such potential Illegality.

- 17.5 Where, notwithstanding any actions taken under Clause 17.4, after the Effective Date, it:
- (a) becomes illegal due to the adoption of or change in any applicable law relating to Sanctions or the decision of a Regulator, Governmental Authority or court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction relating to a Sanction or Sanctions; or
  - (b) will result in a breach of applicable Sanctions or non-compliance with the decision of a Sanctions Authority;

for a Party ("**Illegality Affected Party**") to perform any obligation(s) under or in connection with this Agreement (an "**Illegality**"), the Illegality Affected Party may without liability and without affecting any rights or remedies available to it, take one or more of the following actions by giving notice to the other Party:

- (i) suspend performance of the Capacity Transaction(s) or this Agreement to the extent affected by the Illegality;
- (ii) terminate affected Capacity Transaction(s) or this Agreement where:
  - (1) it determines such termination is required to comply with applicable law or the decision of a Regulator, Governmental Authority or court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, to avoid a breach of applicable Sanctions or to comply with the decision of a Sanctions Authority; or
  - (2) such Capacity Transaction(s) or this Agreement have been suspended under sub-paragraph (i) for more than two (2) Gas Years, the Illegality is still prevailing after such period of time and termination is permitted by applicable law.

- 17.6 Any events or circumstances that fall under this Clause 17 do not constitute Force Majeure.

# **Interconnector Access Agreement**

## **Appendix B**

### **Definitions and Interpretation**

## Definitions and Interpretation

- 1.1. Except where expressly specified otherwise, the following expressions (when used in this Agreement) shall have the meanings set out against them below:

**"ACER"** means the Agency for Cooperation of European Regulators established under Regulation (EC) No. 713/2009;

**"Acceptable Credit Support"** has the meaning given in Clause 3.2(a) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Acquiring Trade Notification Request"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 4 of the IAC;

**"Adjacent TSO"** in relation to an AT System, means the operator for the time being of that AT System;

**"Affected Party"** has the meaning given in Clause 6.1 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Affiliated Company"** means, in relation to either Party, any holding company or subsidiary company of that Party or any company which is a subsidiary of such a holding company, and the expressions **"holding company"** and **"subsidiary"** shall have the meanings specified in Section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;

**"Agreement"** has the meaning given in Clause 6 of the main body of the IAA;

**"Allocation Mechanism"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4 of the IAC;

**"Allowed Tolerance"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 2.3 of the IAC;

**"Annual"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2(a) of the IAC;

**"Annual Planned Maintenance"** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 4.2.1 of the IAC;

**"Anti-Bribery Laws"** has the meaning given in Clause 5.1(a) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Arbitrators"** has the meaning given in Clause 15 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Assigned Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 8.1 of the IAC;

**"Assignment Period"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 8.1 of the IAC;

**"ATS Nomination"** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.2.1 of the IAC;

**"ATS Processed Nomination Quantity"** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 2.1.1 of the IAC;

**"ATS Shipper"** means in relation to an AT System, any person who is for the time being entitled to arrange with the operator of the AT System either (a) for Natural Gas which has been conveyed in the AT System to be delivered to the Transportation System at the relevant Entry Point or (b) for Natural Gas which has been conveyed in the Transportation System to be delivered to the AT System at the relevant Exit Point;

**“AT System”** means the National Transmission System or the Fluxys Transmission System;

**“AT System Entry Point Constraint”** and **“AT System Exit Point Constraint”** have the meanings given to those expressions in Section I paragraph 3.1 of the IAC;

**“Auction Premium”** has the meaning given in Annex B-1 paragraph 2.5.1(c) of the IAC;

**“Available Hours”** means all the hours of all the days in any calendar year excluding any period(s) of maintenance to the Interconnector Information System on reasonable notice or any period(s) of emergency maintenance to the Interconnector Information System when necessary on no notice or any period(s) of time where access to the Interconnector Information System is impossible due to external events or circumstances outside Interconnector's control;

**“Bacton Entry Point”**, **“Bacton Exit Point”** and **“Bacton Connection Point”** mean respectively the Entry Point, Exit Point and Connection Point at Bacton;

**“Bacton Facilities”** means the terminal and facilities at Bacton related to the Pipeline;

**“Bacton Measurement Facilities”** means the facilities described as such in Section G paragraph 2.1 of the IAC;

**“Bar”** has the meaning specified or defined in ISO 1000 : 1981 (E);

**“Bundled”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.4(a) of the IAC;

**“Business Day”** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are generally open for business in London;

**“Buy-back Offers”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 3.1.8 of the IAC;

**“Buy-back Payment”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 3.1.11 of the IAC;

**“Buy-back Period”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 3.1.1 of the IAC;

**“Buy-back Requirement”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 3.1.1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity”** means Entry Capacity and/or Exit Capacity;

**“Capacity Assignment”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 3.4 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Assignment Date”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 8.1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Assignment Notice”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 8.3 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Assignee”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 8.1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Assignor”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 8.1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Auction”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(b) of the IAC;

**“Capacity Auction Rules”** mean the rules set out in Annex B-1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Charge”** has the meaning given in Section F paragraph 5.2 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Conversion Deadline”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.3 of the IAC;



**“Capacity Conversion Period”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.3(d) of the IAC;

**“Capacity Conversion Rebate”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.8(d) of the IAC;

**“Capacity Period”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.3 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Product”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Related Share”** of a Shipper at any relevant time means a share which is equal to the proportion which the aggregate of that Shipper's Registered Capacity bears to the aggregate of all Shippers' Registered Capacity;

**“Capacity Transaction”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 5.2 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Transfer”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 3.3 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Transferee”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 7.1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Transferor”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 7.1 of the IAC;

**“Capacity Transfer Request”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 7.2 of the IAC;

**“CET”** means Central European Time;

**“Charging Methodology”** means the charging methodology Interconnector is required to prepare under Standard Licence Condition 10 of the Interconnector Licence and the Belgian Gas Act 1965;

**“Charging Statement”** means the statement of charges to apply in a Gas Year as published by Interconnector in accordance with Standard Licence Condition 10 of the Interconnector Licence and the Belgian Gas Act 1965;

**“Class”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.1 of the IAC;

**“Coded Counterparty Information”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.2.1(c) of the IAC;

**“Commercial Direction”** means, in relation to a Connection Point:

- (a) Entry, when the sum of Confirmed Nomination Quantities for all Shipper Entry Nominations exceeds the sum of the Confirmed Nomination Quantities for all Shipper Exit Nominations;
- (b) Exit, when the sum of Confirmed Nomination Quantities for all Shipper Exit Nominations exceeds the sum of the Confirmed Nomination Quantities for all Shipper Entry Nominations.

**“Commodity Charge ”** has the meaning given in Section F paragraph 9.1 of the IAC;

**“Commodity Unit Cost (Bacton)”** means the value in p/kWh published by Interconnector and applied in accordance with Section F paragraph 9.1 of the IAC;

**“Commodity Unit Cost (Zeebrugge)”** means the value in p/kWh published by Interconnector and applied in accordance with Section F paragraph 9.1 of the IAC;

**“Conditional Firm”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.1(b) of the IAC;

**“Conditional Firm CF1”** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 4.4 of the IAC;

**“Confirmation”** means any form or evidence (written or electronic) confirming sale by Interconnector and purchase by the Shipper of Offered Capacity under an Allocation Mechanism;

**“Confirmed Nomination Quantity”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 2.2.1 of the IAC;

**“Connection Point”** means a point at which the Transportation System is connected to an AT System;

**“Constrained Connection Point”** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 2.1(a) of the IAC;

**“Consequential Losses”** means:

- (a) any indirect cost, expense, loss or damage;
- (b) any consequential cost, expense, loss or damage;
- (c) to the extent not covered by paragraphs (a) or (b) and whether or not direct or indirect: any loss of use, loss of income, loss of actual or anticipated profits, loss of contract, loss of production, loss of revenue, loss of or damage to goodwill and reputation, loss of margin, loss caused by business interruption and loss of anticipated savings;

**“Contingency Arrangements”** means such arrangements as Interconnector may adopt from time to time to deal with any material failures in the Interconnector Information System and/or in the connections within the Interconnector Area of Responsibility;

**“Contracted Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 5.2 of the IAC;

**“Contracted Capacity Price”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 5.1 of the IAC;

**“Corresponding ATS Nomination”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.2.1(d) of the IAC;

**“Corresponding Bundled Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.2(a) of the IAC;

**“Corresponding Direction of Flow”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.2(b) of the IAC;

**“Counterparty ATS Shipper”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.2.1 of the IAC;

**“CREG”** means the Commission de Régulation de l'Électricité et du Gaz, of Belgium;

**“Credit Criteria”** has the meaning given in Clause 3.1 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Credit Support Amount”** has the meaning given in Clause 3.2(b) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Credit Support Provider”** has the meaning given in Clause 3.2(d) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Daily”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2(e) of the IAC;

**“Daily Imbalance”** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 2.2 of the IAC;

**“Data Protection Legislation”** means (i) unless and until the GDPR is no longer directly applicable in the UK, the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) and any national implementing laws, regulations and secondary legislation, as amended or updated from time to time, in the UK and then (ii) any successor legislation to the GDPR or the Data Protection Act 1998.

**“Defaulting Shipper”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.3.6 of the IAC;

**“Degree Celsius”** or **“C”** shall be determined as the particular interval between any temperature in Kelvin minus the temperature of two seven three decimal one five (273.15) Kelvin;

**“Demand Response Event”** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 4.6 of the IAC;

**“Destructive Features”** has the meaning given in Section J paragraph 1.6 of the IAC;

**“Disposing Trade Notification Request”** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 4.2 of the IAC;

**“Due Date”** has the meaning given in Clause 2.2(b) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Eligible Conversion Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.1(a) of the IAC;

**“Entry”** means the direction of flow of Natural Gas from the applicable AT System into the Transportation System;

**“Entry Allocation”** means any allocation of a Quantity of Natural Gas made by Interconnector pursuant to an Entry Nomination in accordance with Section D of the IAC;

**“Entry Capacity”** means capacity in the Transportation System measured in units of kWh/h and made available by Interconnector for use by a Shipper in delivering Natural Gas to the Transportation System at the Bacton Entry Point or the Zeebrugge Entry Point;

**“Entry Nomination”** shall have the meaning given to that expression in Section C paragraph 1.1.2 of the IAC;

**“Entry Point”** means any Connection Point which allows the delivery of Natural Gas into the Transportation System from the relevant AT System (whether or not Natural Gas is physically flowing at that point at any given time);

**“Equivalent Adjacent TSO Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.5 of the IAC;

**“Euros”** and the sign **“€”** mean the lawful currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency;

**“Exit”** means the direction of flow of Natural Gas from the Transportation System into the applicable AT System;

**“Exit Allocation”** means any allocation of a Quantity of Natural Gas made by Interconnector pursuant to an Exit Nomination in accordance with Section D of the IAC;

**“Exit Capacity”** means capacity in the Transportation System measured in units of kWh/h made available by Interconnector under this Agreement for use by a Shipper in accepting redelivery of Natural Gas from the Transportation System at the Zeebrugge Exit Point or the Bacton Exit Point;

**“Exit Nomination”** shall have the meaning given to that expression in Section C paragraph 1.1.3 of the IAC;

**“Exit Point”** means any Connection Point which allows the redelivery of Natural Gas into the relevant AT System from the Transportation System (whether or not Natural Gas is physically flowing at that point at any given time);

**“Expert”** means an expert appointed in accordance with the provisions of Clause 14.3 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Exposure”** has the meaning given in Clause 3.2(c) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Failed Delivery Quantity”** has the meaning given in Section H paragraph 2.4 of the IAC;

**“Firm”** has the meaning given to it in Section B, paragraph 2.1(a) of the IAC;

**“Fluxys”** means Fluxys Belgium SA, a company established under the laws of Belgium whose principal offices are at Avenue des Arts 31, 1040 Brussels, Belgium;

**“Fluxys Entry Cost”** means the FTS entry charge for Zeebrugge and transportation charge to Zeebrugge Hub;

**“Fluxys Exit Cost”** means FTS exit charge for Zeebrugge and transportation charge from Zeebrugge Hub;

**“Fluxys Transmission System”** or **“FTS”** means the Belgian high pressure Natural Gas transmission system currently owned and operated by Fluxys;

**“Force Majeure”** has the meaning given to that expression in Clause 6.1 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Forced Buy-back”** has the meaning given to it In Section C, paragraph 3.2.1 of the IAC;

**“Forced Buy-back Price”** has the meaning given in Section F paragraph 7.1(b) of the IAC;

**“Forced Buy-back Requirement”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 3.2.1 of the IAC;

**“Gas Day”** means the period beginning at 06.00 hours (CET) on a day and ending at 06.00 hours (CET) on the immediately following day;

**“Gas Day D”** means the Gas Day for which any Nomination, Renomination, Entry Allocation or Exit Allocation is made in respect of delivery or redelivery of Natural Gas;

**“Gas Day D-1”** means the Gas Day immediately preceding Gas Day D and references in this Agreement to “D-” followed by a number shall be construed accordingly;

**“Gas Day D+1”** means the Gas Day immediately following Gas Day D and references in

this Agreement to "D+" followed by a number shall be construed accordingly;

**"Gas Year"** means the period beginning on 1 October of any year and ending on 1 October of the immediately following year;

**"Gas Year Y"** means the period beginning on 1 October of a specified Gas Year and ending on 1 October of the immediately following year;

**"Gas Year Y-1"** means the Gas Year immediately preceding Gas Year Y;

**"General Terms and Conditions"** means the general terms and conditions contained in Appendix A to the IAA;

**"Good Industry Practice"** means any practice or standard generally recognised within the gas industry in the country where the relevant measurement facilities are located including compliance with any non-statutory code of practice and guidance notes issued by the relevant Governmental Authority or Regulator and as applicable from time to time;

**"Governmental Authority"** means:

- (a) any government of the United Kingdom or any political subdivision of the United Kingdom or any local jurisdiction in the United Kingdom;
- (b) any government of Belgium or any political subdivision of Belgium or any local jurisdiction in Belgium;
- (c) any governmental authority or statutory, legal, fiscal, monetary or administrative body (whether it be domestic, foreign, international, supranational, state or local and including, without limitation, any such authority or body of the European Communities) which operates or has jurisdiction, directly or indirectly, in the United Kingdom and/or in Belgium and/or over all or any part of the route of the Pipeline and/or the Bacton Facilities and/or the Zeebrugge Facilities, other than a Regulator;
- (d) any instrumentality, commission, court or agency of any of the above, however constituted;
- (e) any association, organisation, or institution of which any of the above is a member or to whose jurisdiction any of the above is subject or in whose activities any of the above is a participant;
- (f) ACER;

**"Gross Calorific Value"** shall be measured "real" and means that number of Megajoules produced by the complete combustion at a constant pressure of one decimal zero one three two five (1.01325) Bar absolute of one (1) Normal Cubic Metre of Natural Gas being free of water vapour at twenty five (25) Degrees Celsius with excess air at the same temperature and pressure as the Natural Gas when the products of combustion are cooled to twenty five (25) Degrees Celsius and when the water formed by combustion is condensed to the liquid state;

**"GSMR"** means the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996 No. 551) including any amendment or modification thereto or any replacement regulations;

**"Hourly Quantity"** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.1.4 of the IAC;

**"IAP T&Cs"** has the meaning given in Annex B-3 paragraph 1.2 of the IAC;

**"ICC Court"** has the meaning given in Clause 15.1 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"ICC Rules"** has the meaning given in Clause 15.1 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"ID Code"** means a unique identification code issued by Interconnector to a Shipper or by an ATS Agent to an ATS Shipper for the purposes of the Matching Procedures and the Equivalent Matching Procedures;

**"Illegality"** has the meaning given in Clause 17.5 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Illegality Affected Party"** has the meaning given in Clause 17.5 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Imbalance"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 2.1 of the IAC;

**"Implicit Allocation"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(d) of the IAC;

**"Implicit Allocation Price"** has the meaning given in Annex B-3 paragraph 2.2.1(e) of the IAC;

**"Implicit Allocation Partner"** has the meaning given in Annex B-3 paragraph 2.1.1 of the IAC;

**"Implicit Allocation Platform"** has the meaning given in Annex B-3 paragraph 2.1.2 of the IAC;

**"Implicit Allocation Rules"** mean the rules set out in Annex B-3 of the IAC;

**"Indexation Factor"** means for Gas Year Y the ratio of  $RPI_Y/RPI_0$  where:

RPI means the "CHAW" Index numbers of consumer prices – "RPI All Items" as published by the Office for National Statistics in the monthly Consumer Price Inflation Reference Tables (or any successor to such Index published by such Office or any other department of HM Government) at [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk);

$RPI_Y$  = the average value of the RPI for the twelve month period ending on 30 June immediately prior to the commencement of Gas Year Y;

$RPI_0$  = average RPI for twelve months ending 30 June prior to the commencement of the Initial Gas Year, such value to be revised by Interconnector in the event of the index being updated or replaced;

**"Initial Registration Fee"** has the meaning given in Section F, paragraph 3.1 of the IAC;

**"Inputs"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 1.1.2 of the IAC;

**"Intended Inputs"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 1.1.1(a) of the IAC;

**"Intended Outputs"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 1.1.1(b) of the IAC;

**"Insolvency Event"** means, in relation to a Party, that the Party:

(a) is dissolved (other than pursuant to a solvent consolidation, amalgamation or merger);

- (b) is unable or admits its inability to pay its debts as they become due;
- (c) by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulty makes an assignment, compromise or arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of all or a class of its creditors;
- (d) has instituted against it, or by it, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation or the appointment of an administrator, other than, in the case of any such proceeding or petition instituted or presented against it, if such proceeding or petition is frivolous, vexatious or being contested in good faith and is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within thirty (30) days of the institution or presentation thereof;
- (e) has a resolution passed for its winding-up, official management, liquidation or administration (other than pursuant to a solvent consolidation, amalgamation or merger);
- (f) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, compulsory manager, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or substantially all its assets;
- (g) has a secured party enforce security over all or substantially all of its assets;
- (h) has any distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other legal process levied, enforced or sued on or all or substantially all of its assets and such process is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fourteen (14) days;
- (i) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which under the applicable laws has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) to (h) above;

**"Interconnection Agreement"** means an agreement between Interconnector and the relevant Adjacent TSO with respect to a Connection Point;

**"Interconnector Access Agreement"** and **"IAA"** means the agreement between Interconnector and the Shipper for access to the Transportation Services;

**"Interconnector Access Code"** and **"IAC"** means the code published by Interconnector containing provisions governing access to the Transportation Services offered by Interconnector to Shippers;

**"Interconnector Area of Responsibility"** means the Interconnector Information System and all or any of the hardware, software, technology or telecommunications used by or on behalf of Interconnector to provide the System User Connection including the data connection to the internet but otherwise excluding access to the internet which facilitates the User's access, as modified from time to time by Interconnector;

**"Interconnector Auction Premium"** has the meaning given in Annex B-1 paragraph 2.5.1 to the IAC;

**"Interconnector Information System"** means the following as modified from time to time by Interconnector:

- (a) the Interconnector online application which is used for the provision of services by or on behalf of Interconnector including the receipt and dissemination of information in connection with a Transportation Agreement;
- (b) links between the system in paragraph (a) and third party systems including systems of adjacent transmission operators, trading platforms, exchanges and any other essential applications;
- (c) the access passwords and security codes for such system (to the extent the same are under the control or in the possession of Interconnector); and
- (d) all system manuals, training manuals and related documentation in electronic and physical forms;

**“Interconnector Licence” means the licence issued to Interconnector by Ofgem under section 7ZA of the Gas Act 1986;**

**“Interconnector Privacy Policy” means Interconnector’s policy (as amended from time to time) on how Interconnector collects and handles Personal Information;**

**“Interconnector Reserve Price”** has the meaning given in Annex B-1, paragraph 2.2(e) of the IAC;

**“Internet Access”** means the System User Connection made via the Internet;

**“Interruption”** has the meaning given to it in Section B, paragraph 2.1 (b) of the IAC;

**“Interruption Notice”** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 1.2 of the IAC;

**“JBP Clearing Price”** has the meaning given in Annex B-1 paragraph 2.5.1 (b) of the IAC;

**“JBP Rules”** has the meaning given in Annex B-1 paragraph 1.2 of the IAC;

**“Joint Booking Platform”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(b) of the IAC;

**“Joint Booking Platform Operator”** has the meaning given in Annex B-1 paragraph 2.1.1 of the IAC;

**“Kilowatt Hour”** or **“kWh”** means three decimal six (3.6) Megajoules;

**“LIBOR (1 month)”** means the London interbank offered rate administered by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or any other person which takes over the administration of that rate) for pounds sterling and a period of one month displayed on pages LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 of the Reuters screen (or any replacement of the Reuters page which displays that rate or the appropriate page of such other information service which publishes that rate from time to time in place of Reuters). The relevant rate will be determined as of 11.00 a.m. (London time) on the first day of the relevant month. If the relevant page or service is not, or ceases to be, available, then Interconnector may specify another page or service displaying the relevant rate, and if no such page or service is available, then the rate will be the arithmetic mean of the rates (rounded upwards to four decimal places) as supplied to Interconnector at its request by the principal London offices of three leading banks selected by Interconnector and which are the rates at which each of the relevant banks could borrow pounds sterling in the London interbank market for the one month period were it to do so by asking for and then accepting interbank offers for deposits in reasonable market size;

**“LIBOR (3 month)”** means the London interbank offered rate administered by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or any other person which takes over the administration



of that rate) for pounds sterling and a period of three months displayed on pages LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 of the Reuters screen (or any replacement of the Reuters page which displays that rate or the appropriate page of such other information service which publishes that rate from time to time in place of Reuters). The relevant rate will be determined as of 11.00 a.m. (London time) on the first day of the relevant three month period. If the relevant page or service is not, or ceases to be, available, then Interconnector may specify another page or service displaying the relevant rate, and if no such page or service is available, then the rate will be the arithmetic mean of the rates (rounded upwards to four decimal places) as supplied to Interconnector at its request by the principal London offices of three leading banks selected by Interconnector and which are the rates at which each of the relevant banks could borrow pounds sterling in the London interbank market for the three month period were it to do so by asking for and then accepting interbank offers for deposits in reasonable market size;

**"LTUIOLI Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.2.1 (a) of the IAC;

**"LTUIOLI Notice"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.2.1 of the IAC;

**"LTUIOLI Procedures"** mean the procedures set out in Section B paragraph 6.2.1 of the IAC;

**"LTUIOLI Regulations"** means the provisions of paragraph 2.2.5 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No. 715/2009 as amended by Commission Decision of 24 August 2012 (2012/490/EU);

**"Lost Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 2.3 of the IAC;

**"Maintenance Days"** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 4.4.1 of the IAC;

**"Maintenance Days Limit"** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 4.4.1 of the IAC;

**"Matching Procedures"** means the procedures described in Section C paragraph 4.1.2 of the IAC;

**"Maximum Buy-back Price"** has the meaning given in Section F paragraph 7.1 (a) of the IAC;

**"Maximum Constrained Quantity"** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 2.1 (b) of the IAC;

**"Maximum Deficit"** means a value in Pounds Sterling, in relation the Net OS Revenue Account, specified in the Charging Statement;

**"Megajoule"** or **"MJ"** means one million ( $10^6$ ) joules which shall be identical with the definition of the derived "SI Unit of Quantity of heat, "J"," as defined in ISO 1000 - 1981 (E) SI Units and Recommendations for the Use of their Multiples and of certain other Units;

**"Month"** means the period starting on the first Gas Day of any calendar month and ending on the first Gas Day of the next succeeding calendar month;

**"Monthly"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2(d) of the IAC;

**"Monthly Administration Fee"** has the meaning given in Section F, paragraph 3.2 of the IAC;

**"Monthly Commodity Charge"** has the meaning given in Section F paragraph 9.1 of the IAC;

**“Monthly Charge”** means the aggregate amount payable by the Shipper to Interconnector each Month as set out in Section F paragraph 4.2 of the IAC;

**“National Grid Gas”** or **“NGG”** means National Grid Gas plc as operator of the NTS;

**“National Grid Gas Licence”** means the gas transporter's licence treated as granted to National Grid Gas plc under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986, as amended by the Gas Act 1995;

**“National Transmission System”** or **“NTS”** means the principal pipeline system operated by National Grid Gas the conveyance of Natural Gas through which is authorised by the National Grid Gas Licence;

**“Natural Gas”** means any hydrocarbons or mixture of hydrocarbons and other gases consisting primarily of methane which at a temperature of fifteen (15) Celsius and at atmospheric pressure are or is predominantly in the gaseous state;

**“NBP Price”** means the NBP day-ahead price published in a reputable industry publication chosen by Interconnector in respect of the relevant Gas Day;

**“Negative Imbalance”** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 2.6 of the IAC;

**“Negative Balancing Charge”** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 3.2 of the IAC;

**“Negative Imbalance Daily Gas Price”** means the price (p/kWh) calculated as the lesser of:

(a) NBP Price + NGG Exit Cost + Reserve Price for Entry Capacity + 0.0171

and

(b) Zeebrugge Hub Price + Fluxys Exit Cost + Reserve Price for Entry Capacity + 0.0171

**“Net Aggregate Confirmed Nomination Quantity”** has the meaning given in Section D paragraph 1.1 of the IAC;

**“Net OS Revenue Account”** shall have the meaning given to that expression in Section F paragraph 10 of the IAC;

**“Net Revenue Share”** means that value published in the Interconnector Charging Statement;

**“New Shipper”** means the Shipper that has executed this IAA.

**“NGG Entry Cost”** means the NTS entry capacity charge for Bacton and transportation charge to NBP;

**“NGG Exit Cost”** means NTS exit capacity charge for Bacton and transportation charge from NBP;

**“Nomination”** has the meaning given to that expression in Section C paragraph 1.1.1 of the IAC;

**“Nomination Effective Time”** has the meaning given in Section C, paragraph 1.3.1(c) of the IAC;

**"Nomination Quantity"** has the meaning given to that expression in Section C paragraph 1.1.4 of the IAC;

**"Non-Standard Capacity Product"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2(g) of the IAC;

**"Normal Cubic Metre"** or **"Nm<sup>3</sup>"** of Natural Gas means the quantity of Natural Gas which at zero (0) Degrees Celsius and at an absolute pressure of one decimal zero one three two five (1.01325) Bar and when free of water vapour occupies the volume of one (1) cubic metre;

**"Notification"** has the meaning given in Clause 15.5(b) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Nm<sup>3</sup>/h"** means Normal Cubic Metre per hour;

**"OBA"** has the meaning given in Section D paragraph 1.3 of the IAC;

**"OFAC"** means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of Treasury;

**"Offer Deadline"** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 3.1.5 of the IAC;

**"Offered Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.2 of the IAC;

**"Ofgem"** means the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets;

**"OS Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.2(d) of the IAC;

**"Other Shippers"** means each of the Shippers other than the relevant Shipper;

**"Outputs"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 1.1.3 of the IAC;

**"Overnomination"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(c) of the IAC;

**"Overnomination Rules"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(c) of the IAC;

**"Party"** means either Interconnector or the Shipper as the context may require, and **"Parties"** means Interconnector and the Shipper (together);

**"Permitted Recipients"** means the parties to this agreement, the employees of each party and any third parties engaged to perform obligations in connection with this Agreement;

**"Personal Data"** has the meaning given in Section J paragraph 5.1 of the IAC;

**"Pipeline"** means the pipeline constructed between the Bacton Facilities and the Zeebrugge Facilities;

**"Positive Imbalance"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 2.5 of the IAC;

**"Positive Balancing Charge"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 3.1 of the IAC;

**"Positive Imbalance Daily Gas Price"** means the price (p/kWh) calculated as the higher of:

(a) NBP Price - NGG Entry Cost - Reserve Price for Entry Capacity - 0.0171

and

(b) Zeebrugge Hub Price - Fluxys Entry Cost - Reserve Price for Entry Capacity – 0.0171;

**“Pounds Sterling”, “Sterling” and “pence”** and the signs “£” and “p” means the lawful currency of the United Kingdom;

**“Quantity of Natural Gas”** means a quantity of Natural Gas expressed in kWh;

**“Quarter”** means each quarter in a Gas Year commencing on 1 October, 1 January, 1 April and 1 July respectively;

**“Quarterly”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2(c) of the IAC;

**“Rating”** has the meaning given in Clause 3.1(j) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Ratings Test”** has the meaning given in Clause 3.1(c)(i) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**“Re-Allocated Capacity”** means Capacity (including Surrendered Capacity) that is re-allocated from a Shipper to another Shipper in accordance with the IAC;

**“Re-Allocated Capacity Payment”** has the meaning given in Section F paragraph 6.1 of the IAC;

**“Reasonable and Prudent Operator”** means a person acting, in good faith, to perform its contractual obligations and, in so doing and in the general conduct of its undertaking, exercising that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person engaged in the same type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances or conditions, and the expression **“Standard of a Reasonable and Prudent Operator”** shall be construed accordingly;

**“Registered Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.3 of the IAC;

**“Regulator”** means Ofgem or CREG, as the case may be;

**“Related Person”** means in relation to a Shipper, an Affiliated Company or the group of Affiliated Companies of which it is a member, or any director, officer, agent or employee of it or such Affiliated Company;

**“Released Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.8(a) of the IAC;

**“Renomination”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.4.1 of the IAC;

**“Renomination Effective Time”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.4.2 of the IAC;

**“Requested Conversion Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 9.3(a) of the IAC;

**“Restricted Person”** means a person that is (i) listed on, or owned or controlled by a person listed on any Sanctions List; (ii) located in, incorporated under the laws of, or owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf of, a person located in or organised under the laws of a country or territory that is the target of countrywide Sanctions; or (iii) otherwise a target of Sanctions;

**“Sanctions”** means any economic sanctions laws, regulations, embargoes or restrictive measures administered, enacted or enforced by: (i) the United States government; (ii) the United Nations; (iii) the European Union; (iv) the United Kingdom; or (v) the Sanctions Authorities;

**“Sanctions Authorities”** means the respective governmental institutions and agencies of any of the United States, the United Nations, the European Union, the United Kingdom, including without limitation, OFAC, the United States Department of State, and Her Majesty's Treasury;

**“Sanctions List”** means the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list issued by OFAC, the Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets issued by Her Majesty's Treasury, or any similar list issued or maintained or made public by any of the Sanctions Authorities;

**“Secondary Market”** means the market or other trading arrangements under which a Shipper enters into transactions with respect to all or part of its Registered Capacity with other Shipper(s);

**“Shipper”** means any person or entity that is for the time being entitled to access the Transportation Services pursuant to an IAA;

**“Shipper Agreement”** means in relation to a Shipper, the IAA to which such Shipper is party, the IAC and any Capacity Transactions under such IAA;

**“Shipper Area of Responsibility”** means all or any of the Shipper Equipment, Shipper Software, technology, telecommunications, access passwords or security codes under the control of or in the possession of the Shipper and which the Shipper intends to use, and uses, to access the Interconnector Information System, excluding anything which is within the Interconnector Area of Responsibility;

**“Shipper Connections”** means the different methods by which the Shipper receives information from and/or sends information to the Interconnector Information System such as Internet Access using Shipper Software or Transmission Protocol;

**“Shipper Equipment”** means the items of equipment, excluding any item of equipment which is within the Interconnector Area of Responsibility, which the Shipper intends to use, and uses, to access the Interconnector Information System and such items of equipment up to and including the data connection through the Shipper's internet service provider to the internet which facilitates the Shipper's access to the Interconnector Information System;

**“Shipper Software”** means the third party web browser or other technology which the Shipper intends to use and uses to access the Interconnector Information System;

**“Short-Term Maintenance”** has the meaning given in Section I paragraph 4.3.1 of the IAC;

**“Single Sided Nomination”** has the meaning given in Section C paragraph 1.2.2 of the IAC;

**“Specification”** has the meaning given in Section H paragraph 1.1 of the IAC;

**“SP Clearing Price”** means the price at which Entry Capacity or Exit Capacity is allocated to a Shipper under a Subscription Process;

**“Steering Difference”** has the meaning given in Section D paragraph 1.2 of the IAC;

**"Subscription Process"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(a) of the IAC;

**"Subscription Rules"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.4(a) of the IAC;

**"Summary"** has the meaning given in Clause 15.5(a) of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Surrender Deadline"** means a date and time in advance of each Capacity Auction as notified to all Shippers by Interconnector;

**"Surrender Notice"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.1.1 of the IAC;

**"Surrendered Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.3.2 of the IAC;

**"Surrendering Shipper"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.3.1 of the IAC;

**"Tax"** shall be construed so as to include all present and future taxes, charges, imposts, duties, royalties, levies, deductions, withholdings or fees of any kind whatsoever, or any amount payable on account of or as security for any of the foregoing, payable at the instance of or imposed by any statutory, governmental, international, state, federal, provincial, local or municipal authority, agency, body or department whatsoever or monetary agency or European Communities institution, in each case whether in the United Kingdom, Belgium or elsewhere, together with any penalties, additions, fines, surcharges or interest relating thereto, and **"Taxes"** and **"Taxation"** shall be construed accordingly;

**"Technical Capacity"** means the maximum capacity of 27,153,206 kWh/hour available at the Bacton Entry and Zeebrugge Exit Points and 33,476,006 kWh/hour available at the Zeebrugge Entry and Bacton Exit Points on the Transportation System;

**"Term"** means the period from the Effective Date until the date of termination of this Agreement in accordance with its provisions;

**"Termination Amount"** has the meaning given in Clause 7.6 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);

**"Third Party Licensor"** means any third party owner of any intellectual property rights including copyright and database rights in or relating to the Interconnector Information System as will on request be notified by Interconnector to the Shipper from time to time;

**"Total Nomination Quantity"** has the meaning given in Section C, paragraph 1.3.2 of the IAC;

**"Trade Notification"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 4.5 of the IAC;

**"Trade Notification Quantities"** has the meaning given in Section E paragraph 4.4 of the IAC;

**"Transfer End Date"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 7.7 of the IAC;

**"Transfer Period"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 7.3(c) of the IAC;

**"Transferred Capacity"** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 7.3(d) of the IAC;

**"Transmission Protocol"** means the protocol used by the Shipper Connections and the Interconnector Information System for exchanging Edig@s messages containing contractual data which protocol shall be either the AS2 (Applicability Statement 2) protocol or the AS4 (Applicability Statement 4) protocol;

**“Transportation Services”** means those services Interconnector provides to an Interconnector Shipper in relation to the Transportation System;

**“Transportation System”** shall mean the Bacton Facilities, the Zeebrugge Facilities and the Pipeline;

**“Transportation System Constraint”** has the meaning given in paragraph 2.1 of Section I of the IAC;

**“Unbundled”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.4(b) of the IAC;

**“Unsold Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 1.2(a) of the IAC;

**“User”** means an employee, contractor, agent (including those of a User Agent), a User Agent or other representative nominated or appointed by a Shipper who has been granted access to the Interconnector Information System by Interconnector;

**“User Agent”** means any company which the Shipper may from time to time inform Interconnector has been nominated or appointed by the Shipper as its agent for the purposes of access to and use of the Interconnector Information System;

**“Value Added Tax”** or **“VAT”** means (1) value added tax as provided for in the Value Added Tax Act 1994 and legislation (whether delegated or otherwise) supplemental thereto or in any primary or secondary legislation promulgated by the European Communities or any official body or agency of the European Communities and (2) the Belgian equivalent thereof and (3) any similar sales, consumption or turnover Tax replacing or introduced in addition to the foregoing (or any part thereof);

**“Voluntarily Surrendered Capacity”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 6.1.1(a) of the IAC;

**“Within Day”** has the meaning given in Section B paragraph 2.2(f) of the IAC;

**“Wobbe Index”** when applied to Natural Gas means the Gross Calorific Value divided by the square root of the Relative Density;

**“Zeebrugge Entry Point”**, **“Zeebrugge Exit Point”** and **“Zeebrugge Connection Point”** mean respectively the Entry Point, Exit Point and Connection Point at Zeebrugge;

**“Zeebrugge Facilities”** means the terminal and facilities at Zeebrugge that are related to the Pipeline;

**“Zeebrugge Hub Price”** means the Zeebrugge day-ahead price published in a reputable industry publication in respect of the relevant Gas Day;

**“Zeebrugge Measurement Facilities”** means the facilities described as such in Section G paragraph 2.2 of the IAC.

1.2. The following rules of interpretation apply in this Agreement:

- (a) clause headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement;
- (b) a person includes a natural person and a corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality);

- (c) a reference to a company includes any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established;
- (d) unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular;
- (e) unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender includes a reference to the other genders;
- (f) a reference to any person includes that person's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns;
- (g) a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time except where stated otherwise;
- (h) a reference to a statute or statutory provision includes all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision;
- (i) a reference to writing or written includes fax and e-mail subject to the requirements of Clause 11 of Appendix A (General Terms and Conditions);
- (j) any obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done;
- (k) any reference to an English legal term for any action, remedy, method of judicial proceeding, legal document, legal status, court, official or any legal concept or thing includes, in respect of any jurisdiction other than England, a reference to that which most nearly approximates to the English legal term in that jurisdiction;
- (l) a reference to this Agreement or to any other agreement or document referred to in this Agreement is a reference to this Agreement or such other agreement or document as modified, replaced, assigned or novated (in each case, other than in breach of the provisions of this Agreement) from time to time except where stated otherwise;
- (m) any words following the terms including, include, in particular, for example or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms;
- (n) any reference to "indemnify" and "indemnifying" any person against any circumstances or in respect of any act, omission, event or matter shall include indemnifying and keeping that person fully indemnified and held harmless on a continuing basis and on demand from all actions, claims, demands and proceedings from time to time made against that person and all liabilities, losses, damages, fines and penalties and other payments, costs and expenses made or incurred by that person (including legal and other professional costs and associated value added tax) as a consequence of or which would not have arisen but for that circumstance, act, omission, event or matter.