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Update to Interconnector's Belgium to GB Capacity Offering – 22nd October 2026

Background

On 3 July 2025, Interconnector ("INT") announced a review of its Belgium to GB Capacity Offering, together with an Open Season designed to provide the market with an opportunity to book BE to GB capacity before any decision was made.

On 3 November 2025, following the close of the Open Season, and the absence of such bookings, INT confirmed that the capacity offering in the Belgium to GB direction would be reduced to 27.8GW from November 2025 and subsequently to 16.5GW from 1 October 2026.

These changes were made in response to the high and increasing fixed costs associated with operating the asset and were considered necessary to enable INT to continue operating and maintaining an economic, efficient, safe, secure and reliable interconnector.

Recent Developments

Having reviewed evolutions in GB's peak demand and supply capability, Ofgem considers that specific short-term initiatives are required to help maintain GB's Security of Supply standard. Ofgem has therefore been considering arrangements under which National Gas, as operator of the GB gas transmission system, would enter into agreements with interconnector(s) to maintain and reinstate GB import capacity availability to contribute to that objective.

We refer to Ofgem's Statutory Consultation on the topic, published on 22nd October.

INT has welcomed the opportunity to engage constructively with this request from UK authorities and National Gas, and has agreed to reinstate its GB Import capacity at a level of **27.8GW** for the coming Winter period (October 2026 – 31 March 2027). The capacity offering for further years until September 2031 remains subject to the conclusion of Ofgem's Statutory Consultation and National Gas' licence change process.

INT is pleased to support GB's efforts to maintain security of supply. The additional INT capacity will provide market participants with access to increased GB Import capability from Belgium during the Winter period. Responsibility for gas supply security remains with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with further responsibilities across NESO, Ofgem and National Gas. The market factors that informed INT's previously announced capacity review remain unchanged.

To restore INT's GB Import Capacity to 27.8GW, INT will make available an additional 11.3GW of capacity above the previously announced 16.5GW level. This additional capacity will be offered to the market as Interruptible Capacity via the CAM NC auctions on PRISMA, and where applicable, INT's Implicit Allocation Mechanism. The change takes effect as from tomorrow's Gas Day 23rd October.

There are no changes to INT's bidirectional capability or the UK to Belgium capacity offering at 27.5GW.

If you have any enquiries on the commercial offering, please contact the INT Commercial Team. We refer to DESNZ, Ofgem and National Gas for enquiries about GB's security of supply and the policy or regulatory framework.

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