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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Terms defined in the Conditions shall have the same meaning when used herein. This Operating Manual shall form part of the Conditions as amended from time to time and where it modifies provisions in or conflicts with the Conditions, the Conditions shall govern and take precedent.

For the purposes of this Exhibit A, except where it expressly provides otherwise, the following expressions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article 1.1 and shall include the plural as well as the singular:

“Cumulative Gas Balance” shall mean the aggregation of the Hourly Gas Balances.

“D” shall mean the Gas Day on which the transmission and/or other services which is/are nominated is/are meant to be performed by BBL Company, and D-1 means the Gas Day preceding D. D starts at 6.00 hours LET and ends at 6.00 hours LET the next Gas Day.

“Day” and “Daily” shall have the same meaning as Gas Day in the Conditions.

“Downstream Party” shall mean a third party receiving Gas from Shipper at TTF or the Exit Point.

“Prevail Rule” shall mean with respect to the Quantity of Gas (re)nominated by Shipper and the Quantity of Gas (re)nominated by the relevant Upstream Party or Downstream Party, that the Properly (Re)Nominated Quantity of Gas by Shipper at the Entry Point reverse Flow or the Exit Point shall prevail.

“Pair of Shipper Codes” shall mean the Shipper Code of Shipper together with the shipper code of an Upstream Party or a Downstream Party under a (Re)Nomination made by Shipper.

“Transfer Point BBL – Trading zone” or “TPBT” shall mean the virtual transfer point that administers the transfer of Gas from the trading zone to the BBL balancing zone (or vice versa).

“TTF-Trading Message” shall mean a (re) nomination for trading on TTF.

“Upstream Party” shall mean a third party delivering Gas to Shipper at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or TTF.

1.2 BBL Company and Shipper shall conduct their respective operations in a prudent and efficient manner. Parties will inform each other as soon as reasonably possible, of any foreseeable condition or occurrence that could affect the Quantity of Gas, quality of Gas or pressure of Gas at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or at the Exit Point.
1.3 Both Parties shall be reachable twenty-four (24) hours a day and every day of the year by phone and any mutually agreed other communication system.

1.4 Parties shall use NOMINT and NOMRES messages according to Edig@s, as the protocol for exchanging dispatching information, where Edig@s is a subset of ‘EDI/EDIFACT’ (Electronic Data Interchange/Electronic Data Interchange for Administration Commerce and Transport) as described in detail at http://www.edigas.org.

1.5 A communication test will be performed in accordance with Article 3.1 (b) of the Conditions to check whether the BBL-Shipper (or a third party acting on behalf of the BBL-Shipper) has the means of handling messages with BBL Company according to the Edig@s protocol. Such a communication test can take up to five (5) Business Days.

1.6 In case Parties are temporarily not able to use Edig@s messages, because of e.g. system malfunction, Parties shall temporarily exchange messages via fax or through a mutually agreed other means of communication. Parties will take appropriate action to restore, as soon as possible, the Edig@s communication.

1.7 Any (Re)Nomination, TTF Trading Message and Confirmation under this Operating Manual shall relate to LET and shall be expressed in kWh (rounded to the nearest kWh) unless agreed otherwise in writing.

1.8 In accordance with the Edig@s Message Implementation Guidelines (MIG) Version 3.2 dated 01-04-2005, the quantities transmitted in the Edig@s messages can have a positive or negative value. In order to avoid any misunderstanding in the meaning of those quantities Edig@s has defined the following sign convention:
- (Minus sign) qualifies a Quantity of Gas as delivered at TTF or at the Entry Point Reverse Flow by an Upstream Party.
+ (Plus sign) qualifies a Quantity of Gas as received from the BBL-Facilities at the Exit Point or received at TTF by a Downstream Party.

Alternately BBL-Shippers may, instead of the sign convention, use the following code:
Z02 qualifies a Quantity of Gas as delivered at TTF by an Upstream Party.
Z03 qualifies a Quantity of Gas as retrieved from the BBL-Facilities at the Exit Point by a Downstream Party.

1.9 All documents, notices or other information, other than Nominations and Confirmations, required to be supplied under this Operating Manual should be exchanged by a secure data communication system.

1.10 The basic operating philosophy chosen for the BBL-Facilities is a system where the pipeline is kept at a more or less constant average pressure and the flow into and from the pipeline is kept equal as much as possible. Only for operational optimisation (e.g. very low inlet pressures at the grid of National Grid) the pipeline pressure will be lowered to either save compression power or heating power for the BBL-Facilities.

1.11 This Operating Manual will have a temporary status, because after the start date of offering physical Reverse Flow transmission capacity by BBL Company an evaluation period will start. During such period BBL Company will assess the operation of the BBL-Facilities with regard to Reverse Flow and as a result amendment of this Operating Manual may be necessary. The evaluation period will end ultimately at 30 September 2020.
2. **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

2.1a Nomination procedure Forward Flow

This procedure describes how to (Re)Nominate in a *Forward Flow Direction* situation.

2.1a.1 Weekly Nominations

*Shipper* (or a third party acting on behalf of *Shipper*) shall at the latest on Friday of each week before 14:00 hours *LET* provide *BBL Company* with a weekly *Nomination* containing for each *Gas Day* of the following week, starting on Monday 06:00 *LET*, the *Shipper Codes* of the relevant *Downstream Parties*, and the *Daily Quantities of Gas* to be made available by *Shipper* to such *Downstream Parties*.

In case *Shipper* fails to send the weekly *Nomination* before the specified due time above, *BBL Company* will deem the weekly *Nomination* to be zero (0) for each *Gas Day* of the following week.

2.1a.2 Daily Nominations

*Shipper* (or a third party acting on behalf of *Shipper*) shall provide *BBL Company* with a *Nomination* for each *Hour* of each *Gas Day D* for the *Exit Point*. This set of twenty four (24) *Nominations* is defined as a *Daily Nomination* (twenty three (23) & twenty five (25) during the switches to respectively from the daylight saving periods).

Any *Nomination* or, with respect to each *Hour* for which a (Re)Nomination is issued, (Re)Nomination shall contain for each *Hour* the *Shipper Codes* of the relevant *Downstream Parties* and the *Quantities of Gas* to be made available by *Shipper* to each *Downstream Party*. If applicable, the *Nomination* shall also include the *Quantities of Gas* to settle the *Gas Balance* in accordance with Article 8.3 of this *Operating Manual*.

*Shipper* (or a third party acting on behalf of *Shipper*) may send a *Nomination* up to 179 *Gas Days* in advance of *Gas Day D*. Any *Nomination* will remain valid until it is replaced by a (Re)Nomination.

A *Nomination* for *Gas Day D* must be received by *BBL Company* at the latest at 14:00 hours *LET* on *Gas Day D-1*.

In case *Shipper* exceeds the *Nomination* deadline for *Gas Day D*, the nominated *Hourly Quantities of Gas* shall be deemed to be equal to the *Daily Quantities of Gas* from the weekly *Nomination* divided by twenty four (24), unless (re)nominated in accordance within the (Re)Nomination deadline.

In case *Shipper’s* (Re)Nomination for one (1) or more *Hours* exceeds the Transmission Capacity on the *Exit Point* for said *Hour(s)*, this (Re)Nomination shall be rejected by *BBL Company* whereby the reason of this rejection will be mentioned in the *Confirmation*.

(Re)Nominations before or within *Gas Day D* regarding *Hour H*, received by *BBL Company* at least two (2) full clock hours in advance of that *Hour H*, will be processed by *BBL Company* in accordance with this *Operating Manual* prior to that *Hour H*. 
Any limitation which is technically necessary may be applied with respect to the rate at which the flow is allowed to change in accordance with the *Transmission Capacity* (e.g. the flow rate is allowed to change with some percentage of the *Transmission Capacity*).

**Single Sided Nominations**

A shipper (or a third party acting on behalf of shipper) can provide a *Nomination* for a *Shipper* by sending a single sided *Nomination* to *National Grid*. The *Shipper* must inform BBL Company via a *Nomination* authorisation Edig@s message in which the shippers are declared that are allowed to nominate at the *BBL Company Exit Point* on behalf of the *Shipper*.

2.1b Nomination procedure *Reverse Flow*

This procedure describes how to (*Re*)Nominate in a *Reverse Flow Direction* situation.

2.1b.1 Weekly *Nominations*

*Shipper* (or a third party acting on behalf of *Shipper*) shall at the latest on Friday of each week before 14:00 hours *LET* provide *BBL Company* with a weekly *Nomination* containing for each *Gas Day* of the following week, starting on Monday 06:00 *LET*, the *Shipper Codes* of the relevant *Upstream Parties*, and the *Daily Quantities of Gas* to be off taken by *Shipper* from such *Upstream Parties*.

In case *Shipper* fails to send the weekly *Nomination* before the specified due time above, *BBL Company* will deem the weekly *Nomination* to be zero (0) for each *Gas Day* of the following week.

2.1b.2 *Daily Nominations*

*Shipper* (or a third party acting on behalf of *Shipper*) shall provide *BBL Company* with a *Nomination* for each *Hour* of each *Gas Day D* for the *Entry Point Reverse Flow*. This set of twenty four (24) *Nominations* is defined as a *Daily Nomination* (twenty three (23) & twenty five (25) during the switches to respectively from the daylight saving periods).

Any *Nomination* or, with respect to each *Hour* for which a (*Re*)Nomination is issued, (*Re*)Nomination shall contain for each *Hour* the *Shipper Codes* of the relevant *Upstream Parties* and the *Quantities of Gas* to be off taken by *Shipper* from each *Upstream Party*. If applicable, the *Nomination* shall also include the *Quantities of Gas* to settle the *Gas Balance* in accordance with Article 8.3 of this *Operating Manual*.

*Shipper* (or a third party acting on behalf of *Shipper*) may send a *Nomination* up to 179 *Gas Days* in advance of *Gas Day D*. Any *Nomination* will remain valid until it is replaced by a (*Re*)Nomination.

A *Nomination* for *Gas Day D* must be received by *BBL Company* at the latest at 14:00 hours *LET* on *Gas Day D*-1.

In case *Shipper* exceeds the *Nomination* deadline for *Gas Day D*, the nominated *Hourly Quantities of Gas* shall be deemed to be equal to the *Daily Quantities of Gas* from the weekly *Nomination* divided by twenty four (24), unless (re)nominated in accordance within the (*Re*)Nomination deadline.
In case Shipper’s (Re)Nomination for one (1) or more Hours exceeds the Transmission Capacity on the Entry Point Reverse Flow for said Hour(s), this (Re)Nomination shall be rejected by BBL Company whereby the reason of this rejection will be mentioned in the Confirmation.

(Re)Nominations before or within Gas Day D regarding Hour H, received by BBL Company at least two (2) full clock hours in advance of that Hour, will be processed by BBL Company in accordance with this Operating Manual prior to that Hour H. Any limitation which is technically necessary may be applied with respect to the rate at which the flow is allowed to change in accordance with the Transmission Capacity (e.g. the flow rate is allowed to change with some percentage of the Transmission Capacity).

Single Sided Nominations

A shipper (or a third party acting on behalf of shipper) can provide a Nomination for a Shipper by sending a single sided Nomination to National Grid. The Shipper must inform BBL Company via a Nomination authorisation Edig@s message in which the shippers are declared that are allowed to nominate at the BBL Company Exit Point on behalf of the Shipper.

2.2 Nomination procedure TTF

2.2.1 Shipper shall send a TTF Trading Message for each Hour H of each Gas Day D. A TTF Trading Message may relate to more than one consecutive Gas Days. Any TTF Trading Message shall contain for each Hour the shipper codes of all upstream parties and downstream parties and, taking into account the sign convention or Edig@s codes as provided for in Article 1.7 of this Operating Manual, the Quantities of Gas to be offtaken by Shipper from such upstream parties and Quantities of Gas to be made available by Shipper to such downstream parties.

Shipper may send a TTF Trading Message to the TZM up to 400 gas days in advance of Gas Day D. Only TTF Trading Messages prior to or within Gas Day D regarding Hour H, received by the TZM at least thirty minutes prior to that Hour H, are taken into account by the TZM as of that Hour H.

The nominating procedure for a gas exchange operator or its clearing party and its customers differs from the above as follows. A gas exchange operator or its clearing party shall (re)nominate, not only for itself, but also instead and on behalf of its customers regarding (re)nominations with that gas exchange operator or its clearing party as counter party.

2.3 Netting of Nominations

The total sum of Forward Flow Nominations and Reverse Flow Nominations by all Shippers as described in article 2.1a and 2.1b above will be netted off against each other when they occur for the same Hour on a Gas Day.

For any Hour the physical flow direction of the BBL pipeline can either be in the Forward Flow Direction or in the Reverse Flow Direction.

BBL Company will publish on its website the flow direction of the BBL pipeline.
The situation can arise that the net Nominations of all Shippers are in the Forward Flow Direction whilst the BBL pipeline flows in the Reverse Flow Direction, or the other way around. If this is the case, BBL Company will apply the Net Nomination Tool (tool) to guarantee all nominations.

The tool will be triggered after Nominations of all Shippers under the articles 2.1a, 2.1b and 2.2 are confirmed. The matching and confirmation process for any Hour is performed in the usual way as described in article 4 of this Operating Manual.

After this the following steps will take place:
1. BBL Company’s dispatchers will notice via an automatically generated IT message that net Nominations of all Shippers are in the Forward Flow Direction whilst the BBL pipeline flows in the Reverse Flow Direction, or the other way around.
2. BBL Company’s dispatchers will then apply an additional nomination which will be automatically generated for a contracted third party.
3. This additional nomination will be added to those Shipper Nominations that have already been confirmed such that all Nominations are netted off.
4. This will resolve the situation where the net nominations and the BBL flow direction are not in line with each other.

The application of this tool does not change and cannot influence the contracted positions of BBL Shippers and/or Nominations either by BBL Company or by the third party, since the matching and confirmation process already has taken place.

The application of this tool does therefore not affect Shipper’s rights and obligations under the articles 2.1a, 2.1b and 2.2 above.

3. INTERRUPTIBLE SPECIFICS

Nominations for Interruptible Transmission Capacity will be subject to the same procedure as described in Article 2 of this Operating Manual. The availability of Interruptible Transmission Capacity can be constrained by the aggregate of Firm Forward Flow Direction nominations and Firm Reverse Flow Direction nominations.

If the aggregate of all BBL-Shippers’ Firm and Interruptible Forward Flow Direction and/or Reverse Flow Direction nominations exceed the maximum Firm capacity of the BBL-Facilities, the Interruptible Confirmations will be reduced such that the aggregate of all Confirmations is equal to the maximum Firm capacity of the BBL-Facilities. This reduction shall be performed using the pro rata principle.

If, due to (re)nominations of one or more BBL-Shippers, the available Interruptible Transmission Capacity changes, the Interruptible confirmations will be recalculated. If this recalculation leads to a changed Interruptible Confirmation for Shipper, Shipper will receive a new Confirmation message.
4. **MATCHING AND CONFIRMATION**

4.1 Any Daily (Re)Nomination received by BBL Company will be validated against the conditions of the Agreement and be matched with the data from National Grid.

In addition BBL Company will perform a matching procedure consisting of comparing the sum of Shipper's (Re)Nominations at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point with those for the National Grid entry/exit point. If they are not equal, after taking into account any settlement of the Gas Balance, the (Re)Nomination will either be deemed to be zero (0) kWh or the Prevail Rule will be applied, as described under Article 4.2 of this Operating Manual.

4.1.1 Any TTF Trading Message sent by the BBL Shipper to the Trading Zone Manager for trading at the TTF will be validated by the Trading Zone Manager and be matched by Trading Zone Manager with the nomination data from upstream and/or downstream counter shippers at the TTF.

4.2 Upon execution of Article 4.1 of this Operating Manual, BBL Company will apply the following matching rules to each (Re)Nomination made for any Hour:

1) if the Pairs of Shipper Codes do not match, the Quantities of Gas (re)nominated by Shipper for that Hour shall be deemed to be zero (0) kWh with respect to such Pairs of Shipper Codes (zero rule);

2) if the (re)nominated sign or code (by Shipper) with respect to a Pair of Shipper Codes is equal to the (re)nominated sign or code of the relevant Upstream Party or Downstream Party, the (re)nominated Quantity of Gas (by Shipper) for that Hour shall be deemed to be zero (0) kWh with respect to such Pairs of Shipper Codes (zero rule);

3) if the (re)nominated Quantity of Gas (by Shipper) with respect to a Pair of Shipper Codes is not equal to the (re)nominated Quantity of Gas of the relevant Upstream Party or Downstream Party, the Quantity of Gas (re)nominated (by Shipper) shall be deemed to be equal for that Hour to the Quantities of Gas nominated by Shipper at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point (Prevail Rule).

34) If Shipper does not have a Balancing Portfolio, the Quantities of Gas (re)nominated by Shipper for that Hour shall be deemed to be zero (0) kWh

Where none of (1) to (34) above applies there is a “match” and the Quantity of Gas (re)nominated for the relevant Pair of Shipper Codes for that Hour shall be accepted by BBL Company.

4.3 After validation and matching according to Article 4.2 of this Operating Manual, BBL Company shall issue a Confirmation. Any Confirmation shall contain for each Hour of Gas Day D besides the Shipper Codes of the relevant Upstream Parties or Downstream Parties, the Quantities of Entry Gas Reverse Flow or Exit Gas to be made available by Shipper to such Upstream Parties or Downstream Parties and the Quantities of Gas to settle the Gas Balance.

BBL Company shall send a new Confirmation due to any changes resulting from any validation and/or matching according to Article 4.2 of this Operating Manual.

4.4 After validation and matching according to Article 4.2 of this Operating Manual, BBL Company shall inform the Trading Zone Manager of the matched Quantities of Gas to ensure the transfer of Gas at TTF for Shipper.
The **Trading Zone Manager** shall send a confirmation for **Gas Day D** at **TTF** to **Shipper** as soon as reasonably possible before the next **Hour**. Any imbalances between the **Shipper** portfolio and the **Balancing Portfolio** at **TTF** will be allocated to the **Balancing Portfolio** by the **Trading Zone Manager**.

4.5 **BBL Company** shall send a **Confirmation** for **Gas Day D** at the **Entry Point Reverse Flow** or the **Exit Point** and the **TPBT** to **Shipper** as soon as reasonably possible between 15:30 hours **LET** and 16:00 hours **LET** on **Gas Day D–1**.

In case of a (Re)Nomination **BBL Company** shall send a **Confirmation** as soon as reasonably possible, in any case before the beginning of the **Hour** to which the (Re)Nomination refers if such (Re)Nomination has been provided in accordance with the lead time as provided for in Article 2.3 of this **Operating Manual**.

If a reduction in **Transmission Capacity** occurs due to a quality deficient and/or capacity restrictions, **Shipper** shall be informed by phone about the reason, the expected duration and the amount of capacity reduction followed by a reduced **Confirmation** message.

**BBL Company** shall use the quantities indicated on the last sent **Confirmation** referring to **Gas Day D** as the basis for allocation calculations regarding **Gas Day D**.

For the avoidance of doubt:
- confirmed quantities may be lower than the corresponding (re)nominated quantities, and
- confirmed quantities may exceed the corresponding (re)nominated quantities, and
- it is **Shipper**’s responsibility to check for the receipt of the **Confirmation**, to take notice of the content of the **Confirmation** and to decide if further actions by **Shipper** (e.g. notification of **Shipper**’s customer) are required, and
- **BBL Company** is not allowed to change or withdraw any issued **Confirmation**, subject to Article 4.5 of this **Operating Manual**.

4.6 In case **BBL Company** faces constraints with respect to the deliveries and offtakes at the **Entry Point Reverse Flow** or the **Exit Point** (for reasons including mismatches, non availability of **Interruptible capacity**, **Entry Gas Reverse Flow** or **Exit Gas** which does not comply with the quality and/or pressure provisions of the **Conditions**, or maintenance) in such a way that a **Nomination** can not be met, **BBL Company** shall issue a **Confirmation** containing the remaining quantities to be received by **Shipper** from **Upstream Parties** and the quantities to be made available by **Shipper** to **Downstream Parties**.

The available capacity will be allocated between **Shippers** in accordance with Article 8.3 of the **Conditions** i.e. nominations within **Firm** capacity will have the first priority. Capacity will be allocated in the ratio of the **Shippers’ Firm Transmission Capacity** holding to the aggregate **Firm** capacity of the pipeline.

Where the constraint is not caused by maintenance, damage to the **BBL Company** transmission pipeline or quality or pressure deficiency of **Gas**, **BBL Company** will respect the priority as laid down in Article 8.3 of the **Conditions** when determining the figures for the confirmations.
5. **MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITIES**

5.1 **Introduction**

The flow of Gas is measured at both the *Entry Point Reverse Flow* and the *Exit Point* respectively by facilities owned and operated by *BBL Company*.

5.2 **Measurement differences**

In the event that incorrect operation of the measuring equipment is ascertained at the *Entry Point Reverse Flow* or *Exit Point*, *Shipper* shall not be required to accept any retroactive allocation with regard to the *Entry Point reverse Flow* or *Exit Point* where an OBA exists.

In case no OBA exists at the *Entry Point Reverse Flow* or *Exit Point* and *BBL Company* ascertains incorrect operation of the metering equipment which measures the flow to or from the transmission grid operated by *BBL Company*, but the date of such incorrect operation cannot be determined, then such incorrect operation shall be deemed to have commenced on a date halfway between the date on which such incorrect operation is ascertained and the date of the last preceding uncontested check of metering equipment. The *Quantities of Gas* delivered under the *Agreement* during the period of incorrect operation of the metering equipment will be adjusted according to the reasonable estimate of *BBL Company*. The period within which delivered quantities will be readjusted shall be limited to the period from the date of the last preceding uncontested check of metering equipment. The date incorrect operation is ascertained will be deemed to be the date the check was performed which showed the incorrect operation of the metering equipment. Reallocation during that period will be performed pursuant to the provisions of the *Allocation Rules*; readjustment of delivered *Quantities of Gas* will be settled via the accumulated *Gas Balance* or *OBA*, depending on the agreed amendment regime with *National Grid*.

5.3 **Minimum flow rates**

The minimum flow rate of both the *Entry Point Reverse Flow* and the *Exit Point* technical facilities is 200,000 kWh/h. At this flow rate the total uncertainty of the amount of energy on an *Hourly* basis shall not exceed zero decimal seven five percent (0.75%) as provided for in Article 6.1.1 of the *Conditions*.

5.4 **Publication of measured quantities**

The measured quantities on the *Entry Point Reverse Flow* and on the *Exit Point* will be published on the *Web Site* (www.bblcompany.com) insofar this information can be published without jeopardising confidentiality and does not harm the commercial position of *Shipper*.
6. OPERATIONAL CONTROL

6.1 General

After having completed the matching procedure at both the Entry Point Reverse Flow and Exit Point the compressor(s) at the Connection Point and the flow control valve at the Entry Point Reverse Flow and Exit Point will be set to the aggregate flow rate for the relevant Hour.

*BBL Company* will control the flow at the Connection Point and at the Entry Point Reverse Flow and Exit Point in such a way that the physical flow will equal as far as possible the sum of the confirmed Quantities of Gas of all Shippers for each Hour.

6.2 Minimum net flow control

If the aggregate of all Shippers’ confirmed Hourly Quantity of Gas would require a physical flow below the minimum rate of the measurement facilities at the Connection Point and the Entry Point reverse Flow or Exit Point, then *BBL Company* will use reasonable endeavours to offtake or redeliver intermittently at an instantaneous rate at, or above, the minimum rate of the measurement facilities at that Connection Point and that Entry Point Reverse Flow or Exit Point, subject to Gas being made available or being offtaken by Shippers at the same instantaneous rate. If *BBL Company* is unable to arrange to offtake or redeliver Gas intermittently on or above the required minimum rate, then *BBL Company* will request Shippers to submit revised Nominations such that the aggregate of Shippers’ confirmed Hourly Quantity of Gas will require a physical flow at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or Exit Point at, or above, the minimum rate of the measurement facilities at the Connection Point and the Entry Point Reverse Flow or Exit Point.

This procedure is applicable if an OBA is in place at a particular point. If there is no OBA in place, *BBL Company* will not drop the flow below the minimum flow rate unless agreed with the BBL-Shippers.

If *BBL Company* is forced to maintain the flow rate at the minimum level or to bring the flow rate down to zero (0), *BBL Company* will send a revised Confirmation with recalculated confirmed Quantities of Gas based on the following priority schedule:

- First the Shippers with confirmations regarding the Interruptible Transmission Capacity using the pro rata principle; then
- Shippers with confirmations regarding Firm Transmission Capacity.

6.3 Flow variation restrictions

Flow variations are restricted by:

a) The contractual arrangements with the NNO’s at both the Connection Point and the Entry Point Reverse Flow or Exit Point, and
b) The operating philosophy of *BBL Company* with respect to pipeline pressure, and
c) The technical limitations of the facilities at both the Connection Point and the Entry Point Reverse Flow or Exit Point.
7. **ALLOCATION**

7.1 **Introduction**

Allocation is the process by which Gas is apportioned on an *Hourly* basis to Shippers. Allocation calculations are performed separately for each flow direction (Forward Flow Direction and Reverse Flow Direction) at the Entry Point Reverse Flow, TTF, the TPBT as well as the Exit Point.

Allocation in general consists of:

- Measuring physical deliveries of Gas, and
- Identifying confirmed *Quantities of Gas* in the *Forward* and *Reverse Flow Direction*, and
- Allocating this calculated flow pro rata to the confirmations.

Where Shipper has confirmed *Quantities of Gas* in both flow directions at the same time, they are treated separately for allocation purposes (even if they are at the same *Entry Point Reverse Flow* or *Exit Point*).

7.2 **Allocation at TTF**

For TTF the allocated *Quantities of Gas* at TTF are deemed to be equal to the *Quantities of Gas* according to the confirmations.

7.3 **Allocation at the TPBT**

For the TPBT the allocated *Quantities of Gas* at the TPBT are deemed to be equal to the *Quantities of Gas* according to the *Confirmations*.

7.4 **Allocation at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point**

For the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point, the *Quantities of Gas* will be allocated as described in Article 7.1 of this Operating Manual. Any differences between the measured volume and the sum of the Confirmations of the Shippers will be allocated to Shipper in proportion to the Confirmations of Shipper and the Confirmations of other Shippers where confirmed *Quantities of Gas* in the other direction are deemed to be met.

If an OBA for the Entry Point Reverse Flow or Exit Point is concluded, the allocated *Quantities of Gas* shall be deemed to be equal to the *Quantities of Gas* according to the Confirmations, unless this is not feasible under the OBA, in which case allocation shall then be made proportionally on the basis of the BBL-Shippers’ confirmed *Quantities of Gas*.

7.5 **Reallocation**

Reallocations are only allowed in exceptional circumstances.
7.6 Publication of allocations

The (provisional) allocations on the Entry Point Reverse Flow, the Exit Point and the TPBT Point will be calculated every Hour in accordance with the applicable Allocation Rules and made available by on-line electronic transmission to the Shippers and National Grid.

The allocations on TTF will be calculated on a daily basis in accordance with the applicable Allocation Rules and made available by on-line electronic transmission to the Shippers.

If the allocations are based on provisional measured quantities, final allocations shall be made available at the beginning of the following Month.
8. GAS BALANCE

Forward Flow Direction

8.1a For any Hour during a Gas Day the difference between the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Forward Flow at TTF and the allocated Quantity of Exit Gas will be allocated to the Gas Balance for that Gas Day. The Gas Balance is negative if the allocated Quantity of Exit Gas is higher than the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Forward Flow. The Gas Balance is positive if the allocated Quantity of Exit Gas is lower than the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Forward Flow.

For clarification:
The Gas Balance for each Hour (H) = the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Forward Flow for Hour (H) – the allocated Quantity of Exit Gas for Hour (H).
The Cumulative Gas Balance at the end of Hour (H) = the Cumulative Gas Balance at the end of Hour (H-1) + the Gas Balance of Hour (H).

Reverse Flow Direction

8.1b For any Hour during a Gas Day the difference between the allocated Quantity of Entry Gas Reverse Flow at the Entry Point Reverse Flow and the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow will be allocated to the Gas Balance for that Gas Day. The Gas Balance is negative if the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow is higher than the allocated Quantity of Entry Gas Reverse Flow. The Gas Balance is positive if the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow is lower than the allocated Quantity of Entry Gas Reverse Flow.

For clarification:
The Gas Balance for each Hour (H) = the allocated Quantity of Entry Gas Reverse Flow for Hour (H) – the allocated Quantity of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow for Hour (H).
The Cumulative Gas Balance at the end of Hour (H) = the Cumulative Gas Balance at the end of Hour (H-1) + the Gas Balance of Hour (H).

8.2 The Cumulative Gas Balance, positive or negative, shall not exceed ten decimal zero percent (10.00%) of the total Transmission Capacity (for one (1) Hour) in accordance with the applicable Agreement(s). Shipper as well as BBL Company shall monitor Shipper’s Gas Balance and take appropriate and timely action to keep the Gas Balance as low as possible.

8.3 The Gas Balance will be settled in kind by means of the appropriate Nominations and Confirmations for the Quantities of Gas to be settled at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point. The settlement of the Gas Balance is intended to bring the Gas Balance to zero (and not within the limits as set out in Article 8.2).

The matching procedure and the checking against the contracted Transmission Capacity regarding the Nominations at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point will take into account any such settlement of the Gas Balance according to the following procedure, taking into account the maximum Transmission Capacity:

a) In case of a negative Gas Balance (the allocated amount of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow or Exit Gas is higher than the allocated amount of Entry Gas Reverse Flow or Transfer Gas Forward Flow) Gas has been taken out of the BBL Company pipeline inventory and has to be redelivered by Shipper to BBL Company.

b) In case of a positive Gas Balance (the allocated amount of Entry Gas Reverse Flow or Transfer Gas Forward Flow is higher than the allocated amount of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow...
Flow or Exit Gas) Gas has been put into the BBL Company pipeline inventory and has to be redelivered by BBL Company to Shipper.

8.4 Timing of a settlement in kind of Quantities of Gas in the Gas Balance will be at any convenient moment agreed upon between the Parties.
However, if the Gas Balance exceeds the limit as mentioned in Article 8.2 of this Operating Manual, BBL Company and Shipper will, to the extent possible, agree on a period of time during which Shipper will settle the Gas Balance, taking into account the provisions mentioned in Article 7.2.4 of the Conditions. In case of a settlement, BBL Company will take a notice period into account of forty eight (48) Hours.
In the event of a technical emergency BBL Company may decide upon the timing and settlement of the Quantities of Gas in the Gas Balance.
8.5 The *Gas Balance* settlement in kind can be made either within *Shipper’s contracted Transmission Capacity* or outside this contracted *Transmission Capacity* at the discretion of *Shipper*. *BBL Company* will, without prejudice, make available, free of charge, the additional capacity required for the *Settlement* of the *Gas Balance* for the period of time agreed between the *Parties* in order to settle the *Gas Balance*.

It is understood that the capacity can be restricted due to technical and operational limits and will be subject to Article 2 and 6 of this *Operating Manual*.

8.6 The (provisional) *Gas Balance* account will be calculated every *Hour* and made available to *BBL-Shippers* by on-line electronic transmission.

8.7 If possible after consultation with *Shipper*, *BBL Company* has the right to make available the *Hourly Quantities of Transfer Gas Reverse Flow or Exit Gas* in such a way that the sum of the *Hourly Confirmations* during the relevant *Gas Day* is met, provided the *NNO* concerned agrees and *Shipper* meets its volume entry requirements with the *NNO* concerned.
9. QUALITY AND PRESSURE SPECIFICATIONS

9.1 Quality specification at the Connection Point and the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point

The quality specifications for the Connection Point will be the same as the quality specifications for the Entry Point Reverse Flow and the Exit Point. BBL Company will ensure that the quality specifications required to exit the BBL-Facilities as specified by the relevant MNO will not be more restrictive than specifications of the Connection Point, Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point. The quality specifications for the Connection Point and the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point are laid down in the respective GCA’s. For purpose of convenience only, the following has been taken from the GCA. In case of deviance, the specifications in the GCA shall be leading

Quality specifications

The Gas at the (Re)delivery Point shall have the following quality specifications:

1. The total sulphur content shall not exceed 52.7 mg/m³ (n).
2. The sulphur content caused by Hydrogen Sulphide (H2S) shall not exceed 5 mg/m³(n).
3. The hydrogen content shall not exceed 0.1 mol %.
4. The carbon dioxide content shall not exceed 2.5% (mol/mol).
5. The water dew point shall be below 263.15 K (~ 10 ºC) at 70 bar(e).
6. The hydrocarbon dew point shall be below 271.15 K (~ 2 ºC) at any pressure up to 70 bar(e).
7. The oxygen content shall not exceed 10 ppm (mol/mol).
8. The Gas shall have a temperature between 311.15 K (38 ºC) and 272.15 K (1 ºC).
9. The Wobbe Index shall not exceed 56.9 MJ/m³ (n) nor be less than 49.79 MJ/m³ (n).
10. The Superior Calorific Value shall not exceed 47.6 MJ/m³ (n) nor be less than 38.93 MJ/m³ (n).
11. The incomplete combustion factor shall not exceed 2.10.
12. The soot index shall not exceed 0.70.

However, as long as the entry specifications in the GCA between National Grid and BBL Company (the Interconnection Agreement) have a different range with regard to certain specifications the Interconnection Agreement values will apply. These specifications and their values are at the date of this Agreement as follows:

- The Wobbe Index shall not exceed 54.23 MJ/m³ (n) nor be less than 49.79 MJ/m³ (n).
- The Superior Calorific Value shall not exceed 44.62 MJ/m³ (n) nor be less than 38.93 MJ/m³ (n).
- The soot index shall not exceed 0.60.
- The incomplete combustion factor shall not exceed 0.48.
9.2 Pressure specifications at the Connection Point and the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point.

The pressure specification for the Connection Point shall be agreed between BBL Company and GTS in such a way that the obligations of Parties under the Agreement will be fulfilled. The pressure of the Gas at the Entry Point Reverse Flow or the Exit Point shall be sufficient to allow the Gas to enter BBL-Facilities, but with a minimum of 57 bar (e). The pressure specification for the Entry Point Reverse Flow and the Exit Point shall be agreed between BBL Company and National Grid in such a way that the obligations of Parties under the Agreement will be fulfilled.
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