



**Decision Paper on the designation of “relevant points” of a transmission system for the purposes of Article 6(4) Gas Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005**

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## **Introduction**

This decision relates to the application in Northern Ireland of Regulation 1775/2005/EC (“the Regulation”), on the designation of “relevant points” for the Northern Ireland gas transmission network. On the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010, The Utility Regulator (Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation) published a consultation on “relevant points” and this decision paper follows on from the consultation and focuses specifically on Article 6 (4) of the Regulation concerning “relevant points” (Annex 1).

## **Responses**

We asked interested parties to outline in their consultation response any points which they consider should not be defined as relevant points and the reason for their exclusion, or whether there are additional points which should be defined as relevant points and the reason for their inclusion.

We received one response from Gaslink to the Conclusion Paper on our proposal to approve the points listed in Annex 2 as relevant points.

## **Decision**

The Regulator’s decision is to designate all the relevant points listed in Annex 2 in compliance with Regulation EC1775. Any implementation that will be required following the designation of the points will be done under CAG.

## **Annex 1: Annex 3.2 of Regulation EC1775/2005**

### **Definition of all relevant points**

Paragraph 3.2 of the Guidelines in the Annex of Gas Regulation (EC) 1775/2005 defines “relevant points” for transparency requirements as including at least:

- (a) all entry points to a network operated by a transmission system operator;*
- (b) the most important exit points and exit zones covering at least 50 % of total exit capacity of the network of a given transmission system operator, including all exit points or exit zones covering more than 2 % of total exit capacity of the network;*
- (c) all points connecting different networks of transmission system operators;*
- (d) all points connecting the network of a transmission system operator with an LNG terminal;*
- (e) all essential points within the network of a given transmission system operator including points connecting to gas hubs. All points are considered essential which, based on experience, are likely to experience physical congestion;*
- (f) all points connecting the network of a given transmission system operator to infrastructure necessary for providing ancillary services as defined by Article 2(14) of Directive 2003/55/EC.*

**Annex 2: Proposed Relevant Points**

Entry	Twynholm
Entry	Carrickfergus
Entry	South-North Entry Point
Exit	Ballylumford
Exit	Stranraer
Exit	BGEP1 / Greater Belfast minus Lisburn
Exit	BGEP2&BGEP3 / Carrickfergus
Exit	Lisburn
Exit	Coolkeeragh
Exit	Firmus