

2026 Exit Capacity Planning Methodology Consultation Results Report

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Introduction

In December 2020 OFGEM published their RIIO-2 Final Determinations for the transmission and gas distribution price controls. These set out the key elements of the price control from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2026. This included a new licence obligation for the gas transporter licence holders to comply with an enhanced obligations framework in relation to the exit capacity booking process.

Standard Special Licence Condition (“SSC”) A57 (Exit Capacity Planning) of the gas transporter licences requires the licence holder (“licensee”) to comply with the Exit Capacity Planning Guidance (“the Guidance”).¹

The Guidance comprises a set of requirements relating to the following areas of capacity booking activity.

- **Methodology:** Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs) must provide information on the structure of their networks known as Network Topology, and both GDNs and National Gas Transmission (NGT) must provide information on their forecasts of demand and the details of the processes in place to calculate these forecasts.
- **Engagement:** The GDNs and NGT must collaboratively work with each other and with other stakeholders to maximise booking efficiency across the gas transportation network.
- **Reporting:** licensees must report annually to the Authority on capacity booking methodology, stakeholder engagement, decision-making and data to demonstrate efficient booking outcomes.

If you have any queries, would like any further information, then please contact our planning team to discuss.²

¹ [Exit Capacity Planning Guidance | Ofgem](#)

² LTSAnalysisRequests_NMU@wwutilities.co.uk

A57 Section 3.22 requirement

A DNs Methodology must be reviewed and consulted on with industry annually. Finalised methodology documents, with an accompanying consultation report (to be provided as a separate document), must be provided to Ofgem before the end of January.

Notification of ECPG methodology statement publication

In November 2025 in compliance with section 3.22 of the Exit Capacity Guidance the notice below was issued to our stakeholders on our behalf by the Joint office.

Dear Colleagues,

Engagement of the Exit Capacity Planning Guidance (ECPG)

Under Standard Special Condition A57: Exit Capacity Planning, introduced as part of the RIO-2 Price Control, all Gas Transporter Licensees are required to comply with the Exit Capacity Planning Guidance (ECPG) document. As part of this condition (under Section 3(B): Engagement of the ECPG) gas distribution networks produce a methodology for their capacity planning process each year in January, with a prior consultation with stakeholders to capture any feedback which then informs the subsequent year's methodology.

We would welcome any feedback you have on the use of Wales & West Utilities' 2025 ECPG methodology statement as part of the NTS Exit Capacity booking process for the 2026 plan cycle. Link to the document attached below.

<https://www.wwutilities.co.uk/media/svwn2uve/wwu-ecpg-methodology-statement-2025-final.pdf>

If you have any comments, please respond back to the below email address by 31st December 2025:

Email: Itsanalysisrequests_nmu@wwutilities.co.uk

Consultation responses for 2026/2027 planning cycle

We have not received any responses to the notice for the 2026/2027 planning cycle.

Our replies to the consultation responses

None.

Subsequent changes to our methodology

We do not intend making any changes from our 2025/2026 methodology.