

# Auctions and Capacity Booking

## How do I book Entry / Exit Capacity

To book Entry or Exit capacity for UK points, the Gemini system is required. A shipper will need to have an account setup before being able to participate in any UK auction; long or short term

To book capacity for Interconnector Points (IPs), then the PRISMA system will be required. A shipper will need to ensure they are registered and setup before being able to participate in any IP auction

## Why hasn't my bid been accepted? Why have I only partially received the amount of capacity I bid for?

The normal bidding process in the UK auctions is a pay as bid, whereby there is a reserve price but the highest bid for capacity will be allocated as a priority until all capacity has been sold. If there are remaining bids that are of a lower value remaining after all available capacity has been sold, these bids will either be rejected or, at National Grids discretion, further capacity maybe release.

In the event of partial allocation, if there isn't enough capacity to satisfy all bids, bids will be prorated between all the parties, with the highest bids still be allocated in full until all capacity is sold.

## Is there an auctions calendar?

We do not have a published calendar online as specific auction dates are determined throughout the year. However, we do have documentation that outlines what months the long-term firm capacity auctions will run, and further information about the auctions themselves. You will also receive an auction invitation letter for all our long-term capacity auctions before the auctions open generally the month before, so long as you are registered as a shipper, outlining the specific dates of

the auction and the processes involved and how to participate. Our Short-term auction dates are also detailed within the documentation however these do not come with an invitation letter.

Please ensure all your contact details are up to date so National Grid can contact you via our Active Notification System (CRITICAL) system to notify you of upcoming auctions. If contact details do change and need to be updated these can be sent to [capacityauctions@nationalgrid.com](mailto:capacityauctions@nationalgrid.com)

[https://www.nationalgridgas.com/sites/gas/files/documents/45759-Capacity%20Guidance%20Doc\\_v1\\_0-140616.pdf](https://www.nationalgridgas.com/sites/gas/files/documents/45759-Capacity%20Guidance%20Doc_v1_0-140616.pdf)

## Is there an IP's auctions calendar?

The auction dates for all Interconnector point auctions are published via the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) website detailed below. National Grid does not provide this data and will not send out an invitation letter for the IP auctions outlining quantities and dates.

<https://www.entsog.eu/publications/capacity-allocation-cam#2-CAM-NC-EARLY-IMPLEMENTATION-DOCUMENTS-AND-AUCTION-CALENDAR>

## **What Entry Daily Auctions are there and when, are they run?**

There are 3 daily auctions for both entry and exit and can be broadly defined as Within the day auctions (WDDSEC and WDDNEX) day ahead auctions (DADSEC and DADNEX) and finally Interruptible/Off-peak daily auctions (DISEC and DONEX). Please refer to our Gas Transmission Capacity Guidelines documentation for further information.

## **How is Off-peak/ interruptible capacity made available? How much can be made available and when?**

The quantity of off-peak or interruptible capacity made available can change on a day by day basis as the quantity made available depends on how much firm has sold, and how much of that sold firm capacity has been used (Use it Or lose it concept).

## **What is the process of application for enduring increase in Exit capacity?**

A customer can purchase an enduring increase of exit capacity in the EAFLEC (Enduring annual flat exit capacity) auction. This bid window allows for a capacity start date of Y+4 to Y+6 with an application period for the month of July and allocation before the 30th of September.

## **Are there any fees associated with the enduring increase application?**

The only fees associated with increasing your capacity within the annual enduring exit auctions is the amount of capacity you are now entitled to flow against. The same occurs with the decrease (or reduction) auction, where you are only decreasing the capacity and therefore payments you are liable for.

## **I am keen to find out more about how we may be able to book capacity (ideally long term) on the National Grid network.**

To book gas capacity on the National grid gas transmission network you must first be registered as shipper on GEMINI and on our emergency contact list. If you are not a registered shipper, please contact [xoserve.customer.lifecycle.team@xoserve.com](mailto:xoserve.customer.lifecycle.team@xoserve.com)

If you wish to book capacity across the gas interconnector, you will require PRISMA access. PRISMA is the European platform for capacity bookings.

If you have all the above you will need to place bids in our auctions, which run throughout the gas year, with several different auctions facilitating long or short term capacity. To find out more about the types of auctions please check our website:

[https://www.nationalgridgas.com/sites/gas/files/documents/45759-Capacity%20Guidance%20Doc\\_v1\\_0-140616.pdf](https://www.nationalgridgas.com/sites/gas/files/documents/45759-Capacity%20Guidance%20Doc_v1_0-140616.pdf)

## **Is it possible to book capacity monthly?**

Monthly entry capacity can be purchased in the rolling monthly auctions that run every month. The bid window is in the month prior to the month that the capacity is for. There are two parts in this auction. The first part, Rolling Monthly (Trade Initiation) Surrender Process (RMTISSEC) is made up of a surrender of capacity, this is where customers may offer to surrender their capacity they hold, for one month, at a site, and at a price they choose. The second part, Rolling Monthly Transfer and Trade System Entry Capacity (RMTNTSEC) consists of shippers being invited to purchase capacity. Capacity is allocated at the lowest price first, therefore if there is surrendered capacity offered at a lower price than the reserve price, that will be allocated first.

There is also the Annual Monthly auction which is held in February where a shipper can book long term strips of monthly capacity from April Y+1 to September Y+2 Please check our website <https://www.nationalgridgas.com/capacity> under "Capacity guidelines" for more information.

Exit does not have the same capacity provisions as Entry, and capacity is not offered monthly.

Interconnector monthly capacity can be booked via the IP Rolling Monthly auctions for both Exit and Entry. These run every month selling capacity via PRISMA for the following month only.

## **Can I remove unwanted capacity I have purchased?**

If you have capacity that you wish to surrender within the entry capacity regime you can do so through the monthly surrender (RMTISSEC auction) which occurs the month. Please be aware that this surrendered capacity must also be "taken" by another shipper, that is, it must be bid for.

Within the exit regime a customer can opt to decrease their capacity in the Annual decrease auction window, as mentioned previously. There is the further option to assign or transfer capacity to a second party, this is covered below under the Assignments and transfers category.

## Reports and Results

### **Where can I find allocation results from an auction?**

If a customer wishes to see their results for an Entry auction they must navigate to the bid information via the following path in [Gemini Deal>Bid Capture Reports>Bid Information](#). For an Exit auction this is [Deal>Capture>Capture Requests](#)

Allocation results are published on our MIPI website, Report Explorer that will allow you to see an aggregate view of an auctions results. <http://mip-prod-web.azurewebsites.net/>

You can also view the amount of capacity sold and made available via the long-term summary reports via the same link. Please note if there was no capacity sold then the fields and prices will be blank in our reports. Furthermore, we cannot provide individual customers sales either as this is commercially sensitive information.

## Overruns

### **How are overrun charges calculated?**

If a customer overruns their capacity rights they will be charged as per the Uniform Network Code Transportation Principle Document section B 2.12 for entry capacity and B3.12 for exit capacity <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/UNC>.

The charges are a calculation based on the difference between the flow of physical gas and the capacity rights of the customer. It will also include the price paid for the capacity and a multiplier.

## Assignments and transfers

### **Can I assign my capacity at an NTS Exit Point to another user at the same location?**

Users can assign all their capacity at an NTS Exit Point to another User at the same location. The User must notify National Grid no later than 5 days prior to the assignment. Both Users must match the assignment. An assignment is deemed to be approved if either it is approved by National Grid or if National Grid does not approve the assignment within 4 days. The Users holdings are adjusted accordingly. The User being assigned the rights becomes liable for all payments and obligations.

## **What are Entry Trade, Substitution and Transfers?**

Transferring capacity allows a customer to partially or fully give a second party capacity that they hold, however the transferring party retains the obligation to that capacity. For example, this party will be charged in the event of an overrun. The length of time this agreement is active for is decided by the users. For UK locations, this must be completed in Gemini, however across the GB interconnector locations this is completed in PRIMSA.

Assignments allow a customer to give all capacity rights and obligations to another party that they own at a single location. This arrangement does not allow for customized lengths of time and is permanent.

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