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# Redaction Explanatory Statement

National Grid Gas Transmission  
Business Plan 2021-26



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## Redaction Explanatory Statement to accompany our published Business Plan

The version of the National Grid Gas Transmission Business Plan published on our website on 9 December 2019 reflects in as much detail as possible, our final Business Plan that we submitted to Ofgem.

By publishing our Business Plan, we want to be as open and transparent as possible to help stimulate constructive engagement with our stakeholders on the content of our Business Plan. Given the nature of our business it has been necessary to redact certain confidential information from our published plan. This summary statement explains the reasons for our redactions.

### Commercially Confidential information

Certain information contained within our Business Plan is classified as “Commercially Confidential” to National Grid Gas Transmission as it contains competitively sensitive information. This type of information identifies or could reveal the cost data of our assets or activities that we source from 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers on a competitive basis (e.g. goods and services in relation to the construction, operation and maintenance of our network). Publishing this data would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Gas Transmission and, as a consequence of this, would be prejudicial to the interests of consumers.

Chapter 1 of the Competition Act 1998 prohibits the exchange of competitively sensitive information, therefore publishing any of this type of information would be unlawful.

Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following places:

Page No	Column/table No	Redaction reason
74	Table 14.19	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
76	Table 14.25	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
78	Table 14.31	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
79	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
80	Table 14.37	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
82	Table 14.43	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
84	Table 14.49	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
85	Table 14.55	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
96	Table 14.74	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
118-119	Table 16.10	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
123	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
125	Table 16.18	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
174	Figure 20.7	Values can either lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts or identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
180	Column 2	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.

Information that has been redacted from our Compressor Emissions Compliance Strategy (which accompanies our Business Plan) on this basis has been removed in the following places:

Page No	Para/Table/Figure No	Redaction reason
48	Para 7.34	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
49	Para 7.45	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
63	Table 23	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
64	Figure 19	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
74	Table 26	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
75	Table 27	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.

Certain information contained within our Network Capability Report (which accompanies our Business Plan) is classified as “Commercially Confidential” to National Grid Gas Transmission as it contains commercially sensitive information. This type of information could be used to place either National Grid Gas Transmission or users of the Gas Transmission system at an unfair commercial disadvantage if the information were to be placed in the public domain. Publishing this information could be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Gas Transmission and/or users of the Gas Transmission system.

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19	Graph, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> para	System information could be used to gain unfair commercial advantage.
20	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> para	System information could be used to gain unfair commercial advantage.
20	Graph	System information could be used to gain unfair commercial advantage.
21	Graph	System information could be used to gain unfair commercial advantage.

## Strictly Confidential information

Certain information contained within our Business Plan is classified as “Strictly Confidential Material” to National Grid Gas Transmission as it is operationally sensitive information. This type of information identifies or relates to Critical National Infrastructure and/or sites, systems or processes that are used by National Grid Gas Transmission for the safe, secure and reliable operation of the Gas Transmission system. Publishing this information, which identifies or relates to system-critical sites, systems or processes (and proposed investments in relation to the relevant assets), would be prejudicial to the operational security of our Gas Transmission system. Publication would prejudice the interests of consumers by potentially impacting the reliability of the service that consumers receive from us.

Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following places:

Page No	Column/table No	Redaction reason
47	Column 2 & Footnote 18	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
48	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
48	Table 12.09 & notes	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
49	Column 2	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
50	Table 12.11	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
51	Table 12.13	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
53	Table 12.15	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
66	Columns 1 & 2	Contains operationally sensitive site information.
89	Column 2	Contains operationally sensitive site information.
95	Columns 1 & 2	Contains operationally sensitive site and investment information.
96	Table 14.73	Contains operationally sensitive site and investment information.
106	Column 2	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
107-108	Table 15.04	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
111	Columns 1 & 2	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
144	Column 2	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.

## Information provided by 3rd Parties

At several points within our Business Plan, we refer to comments that have been provided by our stakeholders, during the course of our engagement processes. Where this is the case, we have reproduced the comment made but have not identified the stakeholder by name. This is because we do not have their express permission to publish this.

Any information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis, can be found on:

Page No	Column/table No	Redaction reason
87	Table 14.59	We do not have permission to name the relevant stakeholder.
96	Table 14.73	We do not have permission to name the relevant stakeholder.
97-98	Table 14.77	We do not have permission to name the relevant stakeholder.
106	Table 15.03	We do not have permission to name the relevant stakeholder.
143	Footnote 97	We do not have permission to name the relevant stakeholder.
145	Footnote 98	We do not have permission to name the relevant stakeholder.