

A photograph of an industrial gas terminal at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. In the background, several large, dark, cylindrical storage tanks are visible. In the foreground, there are numerous white pipes and valves, some supported by black blocks. The entire image is framed by a blue diagonal shape that points downwards from the top left corner.

Final Option Selection Report

Uncertainty Mechanism Submission

St Fergus Gas Terminal

Appendix Q – Stakeholder Engagement

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Scope

1. Robust and regular engagement is essential to bring internal and external stakeholders along on the investment journey. There have been a number of engagements with Ofgem, and stakeholders directly impacted by investment at the NSMP sub-terminal and we have actively sought feedback from all elements of the gas supply chain including upstream parties.
2. The engagements with Ofgem have involved prioritised, approximately monthly touchpoints to update them on our investment progress, outline the next steps and seek their feedback on any gaps or technical challenges we have discovered.
3. For stakeholders we have progressed two consultations
4. The first consultation in August/September 2021 concentrated on obtaining feedback on our approach, potential targeting of charges and whether there were any commercial remedies that could obviate the need for investment
5. The second consultation in September/October 2022 built on the feedback from stakeholders to the first consultation and concentrated on the needs case for investment, feedback on further analysis of commercial options, the results of our feasibility studies on investment options and our preferred option including the underlying assumptions we've used, and next steps for charging options
6. The consultation material i.e.
 - a. Consultation document
 - b. Consultation report
 - c. Playback of the consultation webinar
 - d. Stakeholder logfor each of the consultations can be found on our website [St Fergus Consultation | National Grid Gas](#)
7. In order to help stakeholders with the consultation process and content we ran webinars to support the consultations and also held 1:1 meetings with all those that wanted supporting discussion
8. We have also held a number of bilateral meetings throughout 2021 and 2022 with NSMP/PX to understand their requirements, explore avenues both commercially and technically to ensure we arrive at the best possible outcome for all stakeholders.
9. During these stakeholder events we have received positive feedback in terms of our approach, how stakeholders would like to take the charging issues forward and views on our preferred option.
10. Further detail on the charging discussions and engagements can be found summarised in Appendix C – Charging Statement
11. As detailed in Appendix C- Charging Statement the engagement on the charging issues will continue through the NTSCMF in 2023 and beyond as necessary.