

**OPERATING PROCEDURES
UNDER
THE HUB SERVICES AGREEMENT
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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1. GENERAL

All definitions set forth in the Hub Services Agreement will apply for the purposes of these Operating Procedures and shall include the plural as well as the singular.

All nominations under this Agreement shall be made in gigajoules (GJ) with two (2) decimal places.

Any determination of Effective Hourly Delivery and Effective Hourly Redelivery in accordance with Section 6.2 shall be rounded down by the Hub Operator to the lower number in the second decimal place in gigajoules (GJ). The Hub Operator shall be free to dispose of the difference between the non-rounded and the rounded quantities.

Note : GJ (25°C) will, at the latest on the 1st of October 2005, be replaced by kWh (25°C) (as recommended by EASEE-gas)

2. DISPATCHING PROCEDURE

2.1 HUB CODE

The Hub Operator and Customer shall agree on a unique code ("Hub Code") to be used hereunder for identification purposes.

In case the Customer is also a Shipper, the Hub Operator and the Customer shall also agree on a unique code ("Hub Back-up Code") to be used hereunder for identification purposes in case of Back-up Delivery Nominations and Back-up Redelivery Nominations.

In case the Customer is also a member of the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform, the Hub Operator and the Customer shall also agree on a unique code ("Hub Platform Code") to be used hereunder for identification purposes in case of deliveries to or redeliveries from the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform.

2.2 NOMINATIONS BY THE CUSTOMER

2.2.1 CUSTOMER DAILY TRANSFER NOTICE

a) *Purpose*

The Customer Daily Transfer Notice shall be used by the Customer to provide the Hub Operator with the Nominated Hourly Deliveries and Nominated Hourly Redeliveries and shall contain;

- The hourly quantities of Gas per relevant code;
- The transfer Day;
- All delivering Counterparty(ies) identified by Hub Code(s) or Hub Back-up Code(s), in case of delivery curtailment in accordance with 6.2.1;
- All receiving Counterparty(ies) identified by Hub Code(s) or Hub Back-up Code(s), in case of redelivery curtailment in accordance with 6.2.2;
- The Customer's code as a Shipper in case the Customer as a Shipper delivers Gas to the Zeebrugge Hub or receives Gas from the Zeebrugge Hub;
- The Customer's Hub Platform Code(s) in case the Customer, as a member of the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform, delivers Gas to the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform or receives Gas from the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform in accordance with Section 2.3.

In case of a Back-up Delivery Nomination or a Back-up Redelivery Nomination is being made, whereby the Customer is delivering or receiving Gas as a Shipper, a separate Customer Daily Transfer Notice shall be used whereby the Customer shall use its Hub Back-up Code.

b) *Notification Procedure*

1) Before the Day

The Customer may send a Customer Daily Transfer Notice to the Hub Operator:

- i) before 14:00 hours on Day D-1, to become effective as from 06:00 hours on Day D. Said Customer Daily Transfer Notice shall be considered to be received at the 14:00 hours nomination deadline, subject to Section 2.2.1 b) 3).
- ii) before 16:00 hours on Day D-1, to become effective as from 06:00 hours on Day D. Said Customer Daily Transfer Notice shall be considered to be received at the 16:00 hours nomination deadline, subject to Section 2.2.1 b) 3). However, said Customer Daily Transfer Notice may only be issued in case the Customer has received a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice before 15:00 hours on Day D-1 in accordance with Section 2.4.1 b) i), indicating one or more Mismatches.

2) At any time

The Customer may send a Customer Daily Transfer Notice:

- i) any time as from 14:00 hours on Day D-1 and any time on Day D, to become effective at the earliest two (2) hours after the first full hour, following the issue of a Customer's Daily Transfer Notice but never effective before the end of the period when Automatic Back-up Quantities are being delivered or Automatic Offtake Quantities are being received by the Hub Operator in accordance with Sections 6.2.1.2 and 6.2.2.2. Said Customer Daily Transfer Notice shall be considered to be received at the first full hour, subject to Section 2.2.1 b) 3), following the receipt of said Customer Daily Transfer Notice. However, the Customer shall not issue a new Customer Daily Transfer Notice within two (2) hours after a Customer Daily Transfer Notice is considered to have been received.
- ii) However, any Customer Daily Transfer Notice issued on or after 14:00 hours and on or before 20:00 hours on Day D-1, to become effective as from 06:00 hours on Day D at the earliest shall be

considered to be received at 20:00 hours on Day D-1 (“the 20:00 hours nomination deadline”), unless it has been issued in accordance with Section 2.2.1 b) 1) ii) and subject to Section 2.2.1 b) 3).

- 3) Only the last Customer Daily Transfer Notice received by the Hub Operator before each nomination deadline listed under Sections 2.2.1 b) 1) i), 2.2.1 b) 1) ii) and 2.2.1 b) 2) ii), or received before any full hour after 20:00 hours on Day D-1 or received before any full hour on Day D, shall be considered to be the applicable Customer Daily Transfer Notice.
- 4) Without prejudice to Section 6.1 paragraph 3, once the Hub Operator has confirmed that a Match has been established, which for the avoidance of doubt shall mean that the Customer Daily Transfer Notice, for which a Match has been established, is the applicable Customer Daily Transfer Notice, any subsequent nomination from the Parties for which said Match has been established shall only become applicable when the Hub Operator confirms a new Match. Any new Match shall replace the previous Match.

See Attachment A/Exhibit CDT for an example of this notice.

c) *Action of the Hub Operator*

The Hub Operator will send a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.1, unless the Hub Operator has informed the Customer that the Customer Daily Transfer Notice has been rejected in accordance with Section 3.1.

2.3BALANCING NOMINATION FOR THE ZEEBRUGGE HUB TRADING PLATFORM

The Customer's net position at the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform will be balanced by a delivery of Gas to the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform or a redelivery of Gas from the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform.

The transfer of these quantities to or from the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform requires an additional Customer Daily Transfer Notice which will be generated automatically by the Hub Operator based on the Customer's nomination as a hub customer for a delivery to the Customer's Hub Platform Code or an off take from the Customer's Hub Platform Code. Such CDT will be the Automatic Customer Daily Transfer Notice.

The Hub Operator may cover the Customer's Imbalance by delivering Shortfall Gas to or taking delivery of Excess Gas from the Customer's Hub Platform Code in case the Customer's net position at the Zeebrugge Hub Trading Platform is not balanced.

2.4 NOTIFICATIONS BY THE HUB OPERATOR

2.4.1 HUB OPERATOR DAILY MATCHING NOTICE

a) *Purpose*

The Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice shall be used by the Hub Operator to notify the Customer of the outcome of the procedure to determine Matches and Mismatches in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.1.1 and of the time as from which said Customer Daily Transfer Notices shall become effective. The Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice will also indicate the information with respect to the Customer on an hourly basis, received by the Hub Operator from the Counterparty(ies) in its (their) Customer Daily Transfer Notice(s) under its (their) respective Hub Services Agreement(s).

b) *Notification Procedure*

Unless the Hub Operator has informed the Customer that the Customer Daily Transfer Notice has been rejected in accordance with Section 3.1, the Hub Operator shall issue to the customer a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice according to the following provisions:

Before the Day

- i) For a Customer Daily Transfer Notice considered to be received by the Hub Operator at 14:00 hours on Day D-1, in accordance with Section 2.2.1, the Hub Operator shall issue a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice as soon as possible, in case of a Mismatch, but in any case not later than 15:00 hours on Day D-1.
- ii) For a Customer Daily Transfer Notice considered to be received by the Hub Operator at 16:00 hours on Day D-1, in accordance with Section 2.2.1, the Hub Operator shall issue a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice as soon as possible, in case of a Mismatch, but in any case not later than 17:00 hours on Day D-1.

At any time

For a Customer Daily Transfer Notice considered to be received by the Hub Operator at or after 20:00 hours on Day D-1 or at any time on Day D, in accordance with Section 2.2.1, the Hub Operator shall use reasonable endeavours to issue a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice within two (2) hours following the full hour at which the Customer Daily Transfer Notice is considered to be received.

See Attachment A/Exhibit HDT for an example of this notice.

c) *Action of the Customer*

If the Customer receives a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice, notifying the Customer of a Mismatch, the Customer may issue a new Customer Daily Transfer Notice in accordance with Section 2.2.1. If the Customer does not issue such a new Customer Daily Transfer Notice, said Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice shall be the applicable Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice.

2.4.2 HUB OPERATOR CONFIRMATION NOTICE

a) *Purpose*

The Hub Operator Confirmation Notice shall be used by the Hub Operator to notify the Customer of the Effective Hourly Deliveries and the Effective Hourly Redeliveries for each hour of the relevant Day in accordance with Sections 6.1 and 6.2, together with the Automatic Back-up Quantities or the Automatic Offtake Quantities on an hourly basis in accordance with Sections 6.2.1.2 and 6.2.2.2, the Effective Back-up Deliveries or the Effective Back-up Redeliveries on an hourly basis in accordance with Sections 6.2.1.4 and 6.2.2.4, the Additional Back-up Quantities or the Additional Offtake Quantities on an hourly basis in accordance with Sections 6.2.1.3 and 6.2.2.3, the Shortfall Gas or Excess Gas on an hourly basis in accordance with Section 2.3, as well as the information with respect to the Customer on an hourly basis of the Rounding Quantities that will be delivered or taken by the Hub Operator in accordance with Section 5.

b) *Notification Procedure*

The Hub Operator will send a Hub Operator Confirmation Notice:

- i) before 20:00 hours on Day D-1, in case of a Customer Daily Transfer Notice, issued in accordance with Clause 2.2.1 b) 1) i) and Clause 2.2.1 b) 1) ii).
- ii) thereafter, on a reasonable endeavours basis together with a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice, or
- iii) as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after the Hub Operator has received all necessary information to determine that deliveries to the Customer or deliveries by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub will be or have been curtailed or reinstated

See Attachment A/Exhibit HCN for an example of this notice.

c) *Revision*

Whenever there is a change to the Effective Hourly Deliveries, the Automatic Back-up Quantities, the Effective Hourly Redeliveries, the Automatic Offtake Quantities, the Additional Back-up Quantities, the Additional Offtake Quantities, the Shortfall Gas or the Excess Gas as a result of a curtailment or reinstatement, the Hub Operator shall as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after the Hub Operator has received all necessary information, issue a revised Hub Operator Confirmation Notice.

3. BALANCE CHECK

- a) There will be a verification procedure ("Balance Check") to check whether the sum of the Nominated Hourly Deliveries, including, if any, the hourly quantities of energy nominated by Customer as a Shipper for redelivery at the Zeebrugge Hub but excluding the Back-up Delivery Nominations, is equal to the sum of the Nominated Hourly Redeliveries, including, if any, the hourly quantities of energy nominated by Customer as a Shipper for delivery from the Zeebrugge Hub but excluding the Back-up Redelivery Nominations, for each hour of the Day.
- b) There is a "Balance" in case the above mentioned sums are equal.
There is an "Imbalance" in case the above mentioned sums are not equal.

3.1 ACTION OF THE HUB OPERATOR

Upon receipt of a Customer Daily Transfer Notice, the Hub Operator will apply the provisions of Section 4. In case there is an Imbalance for one or more hours of the Day, the Customer Daily Transfer Notice shall be rejected. In such case, the Customer will be informed thereof as soon as possible, but not later than one (1) hour after the Customer Daily Transfer Notice has been received.

3.2 ACTION OF THE CUSTOMER

Whenever the Customer is informed by the Hub Operator that a Customer Daily Transfer Notice has been rejected, the Customer may issue a new Customer Daily Transfer Notice in accordance with Section 2.2.1.

4. MATCHING PROCEDURE

4.1 MATCHING RULES AT THE ZEEBRUGGE HUB

4.1.1 MATCHING CHECK

There will be a verification procedure ("Matching Check") to check whether :

- a) The Counterparty(ies) identified by their Hub Code, Hub Back-up Code or Hub Platform Code nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to deliver to the Customer the Hourly Quantities under b) below and the Counterparty(ies) nominating said Hourly Quantities, to the Hub Operator, at the Zeebrugge Hub for delivery to the Customer are the same.
- b) The Hourly Quantities nominated by any Counterparty to the Hub Operator, as well as the quantities of energy, if any, nominated for each hour by the Customer as a Shipper, to be received by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, and the Hourly Quantities nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to be received from said Counterparty at the Zeebrugge Hub (Nominated Hourly Deliveries) as well as the quantities of energy, if any, nominated to the Hub Operator, to be received from the Customer as a Shipper, are equal.
- c) The Counterparty(ies) identified by their Hub Code, Hub Back-up Code or Hub Platform Code nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to receive the Hourly Quantities from the Customer under d) below and the Counterparty(ies) nominating said Hourly Quantities to the Hub Operator, at the Zeebrugge Hub for receipt from the Customer are the same.
- d) The Hourly Quantities nominated by any Counterparty to the Hub Operator, as well as the quantities of energy, if any, nominated for each hour by the Customer as a Shipper, to be delivered by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, and the Hourly Quantities nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to be delivered to said Counterparty at the Zeebrugge Hub (Nominated Hourly Redeliveries) as well as the quantities of energy, nominated to the Hub Operator, to be delivered to the Customer as a Shipper, are equal.

There is a Match for a particular Nominated Hourly Delivery in case the

Counterparty under Section 4.1.1 a) is the same and all the Hourly Quantities under Section 4.1.1 b) are equal. There is a Mismatch for this particular Nominated Hourly Delivery if either of the above two conditions are not fulfilled.

There is a Match for quantities of energy nominated for delivery by the Customer, being a Shipper, into the Zeebrugge Hub if the quantities of energy nominated by the Customer, being a Shipper, to the Hub Operator for delivery into the Zeebrugge Hub are equal to the quantities of energy nominated by the Customer as a Shipper to be redelivered to the Zeebrugge Hub. There is a Mismatch for quantities of energy nominated for delivery by the Customer, being a Shipper, into the Zeebrugge Hub if this condition is not fulfilled.

There is a Match for a particular Nominated Hourly Redelivery in case the Counterparty under Section 4.1.1 c) is the same and all the Hourly Quantities under Section 4.1.1 d) are equal. There is a Mismatch for this particular Nominated Hourly Redelivery if either of the above two conditions are not fulfilled.

There is a Match for quantities of energy nominated for redelivery by the Customer, being a Shipper, out of the Zeebrugge Hub if the quantities of energy nominated by the Customer, being a Shipper, to the Hub Operator for redelivery out of the Zeebrugge Hub are equal to the quantities of energy nominated by the Customer as a Shipper to be delivered from the Zeebrugge Hub. There is a Mismatch for quantities of energy nominated for redelivery by the Customer, being a Shipper, out of the Zeebrugge Hub if this condition is not fulfilled.

4.1.1.1 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE HUB OPERATOR

From the Customer and the Counterparties to the Hub Operator

A Customer Daily Transfer Notice for the relevant Day as provided under the Customer's and the Counterparties respective Hub Services Agreements.

From Fluxys to the Hub Operator

Quantities of energy nominated for each hour by the Customer as a Shipper for redelivery to or delivery from the Zeebrugge Hub.

4.1.1.2 ACTION OF THE HUB OPERATOR

Upon receipt of a Customer Daily Transfer Notice, the Hub Operator will apply the provisions of Section 4.1.1.

The Hub Operator will report the Matches and Mismatches to the Customer by issuing a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.1. The Hub Operator shall also indicate the Rounding Quantities to the Customer on the Hub Operator Daily Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2. The last Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice with respect to said Customer Daily Transfer Notice, as provided under Section 2.2.1, shall be the applicable Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice.

4.1.1.3 ACTION OF THE CUSTOMER

Upon receipt of a Hub Operator Daily Matching Notice, indicating a Mismatch, the Customer may issue a new Customer Daily Transfer Notice, in accordance with Section 2.2.1, or may have the relevant Counterparty issue a new Customer Daily Transfer Notice in accordance with its respective Hub Services Agreement.

5. ROUNDING SERVICE

5.1 DELIVERY MISMATCH

In case the Hourly Quantity nominated by any Counterparty to the Hub Operator to be received by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule above the Hourly Quantity nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to be received from said Counterparty at the Zeebrugge Hub (Nominated Hourly Delivery) for said hour, then the Hub Operator will take delivery of the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) from said Counterparty.

In case the quantity of energy, if any, nominated for any hour by the Customer as a Shipper, to be received by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule above the quantity of energy, if any, nominated to the Hub Operator, to be received from the Customer as a Shipper for said hour, then the Hub Operator will take delivery of the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) from the Customer.

In case the Hourly Quantity nominated by any Counterparty to the Hub Operator to be received by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule below the Hourly Quantity nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to be received from said Counterparty at the Zeebrugge Hub (Nominated Hourly Delivery) for said hour then the Hub Operator will deliver the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) to the Customer.

In case the quantity of energy, if any, nominated for any hour by the Customer as a Shipper, to be received by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule below the quantity of energy, if any, nominated to the Hub Operator, to be received from the Customer as a Shipper for said hour, then the Hub Operator will deliver the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) to the Customer.

5.2 REDELIVERY MISMATCH

In case the Hourly Quantity nominated by any Counterparty to the Hub Operator to be delivered by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule above the Hourly Quantity nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to be delivered to said Counterparty at the Zeebrugge Hub (Nominated Hourly Redelivery) for said hour then the Hub Operator will deliver the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) to said Counterparty

In case the quantity of energy, if any, nominated for any hour by the Customer as a Shipper, to be delivered by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule above the quantity of energy, if any, nominated to the Hub Operator, to be received from the Customer as a Shipper for said hour, then the Hub Operator will deliver the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) to the Customer.

In case the Hourly Quantity nominated by any Counterparty to the Hub Operator to be delivered by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule below the Hourly Quantity nominated by the Customer to the Hub Operator, to be delivered to said Counterparty at the Zeebrugge Hub (Nominated Hourly Redelivery) for said hour, then the Hub Operator will take delivery of the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) from the Customer.

In case the quantity of energy, if any, nominated for any hour by the Customer as a Shipper, to be delivered by the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub is less than one (1) gigajoule below the quantity of energy, if any, nominated to the Hub Operator, to be received from the Customer as a Shipper for said hour, then the Hub Operator will take delivery of the difference (“Rounding Quantity”) from the Customer.

6. DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMER'S EFFECTIVE HOURLY DELIVERIES AND EFFECTIVE HOURLY REDELIVERIES

6.1 GENERAL

The Hub Operator shall determine the Effective Hourly Deliveries and the Effective Hourly Redeliveries for each hour of the relevant Day and inform the Customer thereof by issuing a Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2.

In that respect, without prejudice to paragraph 3 of this Section and subject to the provisions of Section 2.2.1 b) 4), Mismatches remaining at the time of said determination as provided in Section 2.4.2 shall result in all Nominated Hourly Deliveries or all Nominated Hourly Redeliveries, respectively, for each hour of the relevant Day with the Counterparty(ies) concerned, being deemed equal to zero, unless Mismatches are compensated by Rounding Quantities as provided in Section 5.

In case of Mismatches for the quantity of energy nominated by the Customer being a Shipper for Delivery into the Zeebrugge Hub or redelivery out of the Zeebrugge Hub, the matched quantities will be the lesser of the quantities of energy nominated by the Customer as Shipper and the quantities of energy nominated by the Customer, being a Shipper, to the Hub Operator.

6.2 CURTAILMENT RULES AND BACK-UP AND OFFTAKE PROVISIONS

6.2.1 DELIVERY CURTAILMENT

6.2.1.1 GENERAL

- a) If and when the Hub Operator is informed of a quantified curtailment in the deliveries to a customer or the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, without prejudice to the right of a customer or the Customer being a Shipper redelivering Gas to the Zeebrugge Hub to inform the Hub Operator to what extent its deliveries to the Zeebrugge Hub shall be affected by a curtailment, the Hub Operator shall, subject to the provisions of Section 6.2.1.2 and Section 6.2.1.3, reduce said customer's effective hourly redeliveries or the Customer's Effective Hourly Redeliveries on a pro rata basis.
- b) Subsequently the effective hourly deliveries of each customer, being a receiving counterparty to the customer under Section 6.2.1.1 a), shall become equal to the effective hourly redeliveries of the customer under Section 6.2.1.1 a) to said counterparty.
- c) This pro rata curtailment rule shall be applied to each customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, being a receiving counterparty to a customer, affected by said pro rata curtailment rule.
- d) If the Effective Hourly Deliveries of the Customer are affected by the application of this pro rata curtailment rule, the Hub Operator shall reduce the Customer's Effective Hourly Redeliveries on a pro rata basis.

6.2.1.2 AUTOMATIC BACK-UP

If and when the Hub Operator is informed of a quantified curtailment in the deliveries to a customer or the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, said customer or the Customer being a Shipper redelivering Gas to the Zeebrugge Hub, without prejudice to the right of said customer or the Customer to inform the Hub Operator to what extent its deliveries to the Zeebrugge Hub shall be affected by a curtailment, the Hub Operator shall use reasonable endeavours to deliver quantities of energy to keep said customer's effective hourly redeliveries or the Customer's Effective Hourly

Redeliveries unaffected by the curtailment up to a maximum of five (5) full hours on the hour bar.

The Hub Operator shall issue a Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the quantities (“Automatic Back-up Quantities”) that the Hub Operator will deliver to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Redeliveries unaffected by the delivery curtailment.

As soon as the curtailment situation changes or stops, the Hub Operator will adjust or remove the Automatic Back-up Quantities. The Hub Operator shall issue a revised Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the revised Automatic Back-up Quantities or to notify that the initial deliveries have been restored.

In case the Hub Operator would not be able to source enough Gas to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Redeliveries whole, the Hub Operator will reduce the time during which Automatic Back-up Quantities will be delivered instead of reducing the level of Automatic Back-up Quantities over the maximum period during which Automatic Back-up Quantities can be delivered.

6.2.1.3 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL BACK-UP

The Hub Operator has the right to deliver Additional Back-Up in case the Customer did neither nominate nor deliver enough back-up gas in accordance with Section 6.2.1.4 in order to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Redeliveries whole.

The Hub Operator shall issue a Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the Additional Back-up Quantities, that the Hub Operator will deliver to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Redeliveries unaffected by the Delivery Curtailment Event.

As soon as the Delivery Curtailment Event changes or stops, or when the Customer nominates and delivers enough back-up gas in accordance with Section 6.2.1.4, the Hub Operator will adjust or stop the delivery of Additional Back-up Quantities. The Hub Operator shall issue a revised Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the revised Additional Back-up Quantities or to notify that the initial deliveries have been restored.

6.2.1.4BACK-UP DELIVERY NOMINATIONS

All nominations submitted in accordance with Section 2.2.1 within the period during which a delivery curtailment situation exists and which at the same time contain Hub Back-up Codes, shall be called "Back-up Delivery Nominations".

A "Back-up Delivery Nomination" can only become effective at the earliest at the end of the period during which Automatic Back-up is being delivered and provided the delivery curtailment situation still persists after the period during which Automatic Back-up Quantities are being delivered.

As soon as the delivery curtailment situation changes or ends, the Hub Operator shall automatically adjust or erase the quantities that will be delivered ("Effective Back-up Deliveries") as a result of the Back-up Delivery Nominations in order not to exceed the Effective Hourly Redeliveries beyond the level of the Nominated Hourly Redeliveries without taking into account the Back-up Delivery Nominations. Whenever the situation changes the Hub Operator shall issue a revised the Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2.

6.2.2 REDELIVERY CURTAILMENT

6.2.2.1 GENERAL

- a) If and when the Hub Operator is informed of a quantified curtailment in the redeliveries of a customer or the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, without prejudice to the right of said customer or the Customer being a Shipper receiving Gas from the Zeebrugge Hub to inform the Hub Operator to what extent its redeliveries out of the Zeebrugge Hub shall be affected by a curtailment, the Hub Operator shall, subject to the provisions of Section 6.2.2.2 and Section 6.2.2.3 reduce said customer's effective hourly deliveries or the Customer's Effective Hourly Deliveries on a pro rata basis.
- b) Subsequently the effective hourly redeliveries of each customer, being a delivering counterparty to the customer under Section 6.2.2 a), shall become equal to the effective hourly deliveries of the customer under Section 6.2.2 a) from said counterparty.
- c) This pro rata curtailment rule shall be applied to each customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, being a delivering counterparty to a customer, affected by said pro rata curtailment rule.
- d) If the Effective Hourly Redeliveries of the Customer are affected by the application of this pro rata curtailment rule, the Hub Operator shall reduce the Effective Hourly Deliveries on a pro rata basis.

6.2.2.2 AUTOMATIC OFFTAKE

If and when the Hub Operator is informed of a quantified curtailment in the redeliveries to a customer or the Customer at the Zeebrugge Hub, said customer or the Customer being a Shipper receiving Gas from the Zeebrugge Hub, without prejudice to the right of said customer or the Customer to inform the Hub Operator to what extent its redeliveries out of the Zeebrugge Hub shall be affected by a curtailment, the Hub Operator shall use reasonable endeavours to offtake quantities of energy to keep said customer's effective hourly deliveries or the Customer's Effective Hourly Deliveries unaffected by the curtailment for up to a maximum of five (5) full hours on the hour bar.

The Hub Operator shall issue a Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the quantities (“Automatic Offtake Quantities”) that the Hub Operator will offtake to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Deliveries unaffected by the delivery curtailment.

As soon as the curtailment situation changes or stops, the Hub Operator will adjust or remove the Automatic Offtake Quantities. The Hub Operator shall issue a revised Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the revised Automatic Offtake Quantities or to indicate that the initial redeliveries have been restored.

In case the Hub Operator would not be able to offtake enough Gas to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Deliveries whole, the Hub Operator will reduce the time during which Automatic Offtake Quantities will be received instead of reducing the level of Automatic Offtake Quantities over the maximum period during which Automatic Offtake Quantities can be received.

6.2.2.3 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL OFFTAKE

The Hub Operator has the right to take Additional Offtake Quantities in case the Customer did neither nominate nor take sufficient off take gas in accordance with Section 6.2.2.4 in order to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Deliveries whole.

The Hub Operator shall issue a Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the Additional Offtake Quantities, that the Hub Operator will offtake in order to keep the Customer’s Effective Hourly Deliveries unaffected by the Redelivery Curtailment Event.

As soon as the Redelivery Curtailment Event changes or stops, or when the Customer nominates and takes enough offtake gas in accordance with Section 6.2.1.4, the Hub Operator will adjust or stop the offtake of Additional Offtake Quantities. The Hub Operator shall issue a revised Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 to notify the revised Additional Offtake Quantities or to notify that the initial deliveries have been restored.

6.2.2.4BACK-UP REDELIVERY NOMINATIONS

All nominations submitted in accordance with Section 2.2.1 within the period during which a redelivery curtailment situation exists and which at the same time contain Hub Back-up Codes, shall be called "Back-up Redelivery Nominations".

A Back-up Redelivery Nomination can only become effective at the end of the period during which Automatic Offtake Quantities are being offtaken and provided the redelivery curtailment situation still persists after the period during which Automatic Offtake Quantities are being received.

As soon as the redelivery curtailment situation changes or ends, the Hub Operator shall automatically adjust or erase the quantities that will be offtaken ("Effective Back-up Redeliveries") as a result of the Back-up Redelivery Nominations in order not to exceed the Effective Hourly Redeliveries beyond the level of the Nominated Hourly Redeliveries without taking into account the Back-up Redelivery Nominations. Whenever the situation changes the Hub Operator shall issue a revised Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2.

7. TRANSMISSION PROTOCOL

The protocol, which shall be used for exchanging contractual data and dispatching information, including the notices under Section 2.2 and 2.4, shall be EDI/EDIFACT (Electronic Data Interchange/Electronic Data Interchange for Administration Commerce and Transport).

In case of emergency, subsequent to the use of EDI/EDIFACT, the Parties may agree on another way of exchanging said data.

8. ADDRESSES

8.1 THE CUSTOMER

As provided under the Hub Services Agreement

8.2 THE HUB OPERATOR

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9. ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

9.1 ALLOCATION PROCEDURE AT THE ZEEBRUGGE HUB

Allocation of the quantities delivered by the delivering Counterparties to the Customer will be equal to the Effective Hourly Deliveries and allocation of the deliveries by the Customer to the receiving Counterparties will be equal to the Effective Hourly Redeliveries as indicated on the Hub Operator Confirmation Notice in accordance with Section 2.4.2 for the given Day.

As curtailment information may not always be available before or when such curtailment occurs during the Day, the Hub Operator Confirmation Notice shall be revised whenever new information becomes available, but not later than the tenth (10th) day of the following month.

9.2 COMPLETION STATEMENTS

The final allocation will be performed on an hourly basis, using effective hourly values; the daily figures will be obtained by adding up the effective hourly figures of the individual hours for that particular Day.

The monthly figures will be obtained by adding up the effective daily figures of the individual Days for that Delivery Month. A Monthly Allocation Form will be forwarded to the Customer not later than the tenth (10th) day of the following month.

Templates of the following account forms are given in the Exhibits B and C:

Daily Allocation Form : (based on hourly figures and taking into account possible re-allocations, as a result of revised curtailment information)

This form will specify for each individual Customer the Customer's identification and the Zeebrugge Hub as the location.

For each Day, such a table will be produced containing hourly delivery information (Nominated Hourly Delivery, Effective Hourly Delivery, Rounding Quantity, Automatic Back-up Quantity, Back-up Delivery Nomination, Effective Back-up Delivery, Additional Back-Up Quantity, Shortfall Gas) and hourly redelivery information (Nominated Hourly Redelivery, Effective Hourly Redelivery, Rounding Quantity, Automatic Offtake Quantity, Back-up Redelivery Nomination, Effective Back-up Redelivery, Additional Offtake Quantity, Excess Gas). These tables will be kept on file by the Hub Operator and a Daily Allocation Form will, subject to a request from the Customer, only be submitted to the Customer in case of curtailment as described in Section 6.2.

Monthly Allocation Form : (based on daily figures and taking into account possible re-allocations, as a result of revised curtailment information)

This form will specify for each individual Customer the Customer's identification and the Zeebrugge Hub as the location.

For every Month in the Year, a table will be produced for each Counterparty of the Customer containing amongst others daily delivery information (Nominated Daily Delivery, Effective Daily Delivery, Automatic Back-up Quantities, Rounding Quantities, Back-up Delivery Nominations, Effective Back-up Deliveries, Additional Back-Up Quantity, quantities of Shortfall Gas) and daily redelivery information (Nominated Daily Redelivery, Effective Daily Redelivery, Automatic Offtake Quantities, Rounding Quantities, Back-up Redelivery Nominations, Effective Back-up Redeliveries, Additional Offtake Quantity, Excess Gas). For every Day during which a curtailment situation affected the Customer, it will be indicated on the Monthly Allocation Form whether the delivering or the redelivering counterparties were defaulting. A Monthly Allocation Form will be forwarded to the Customer not later than the tenth day of the following month. A Monthly Allocation Form shall not be subject to review after said tenth day.