

GAS NETWORKS IRELAND / GNI (UK) Limited

PART ONE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR

INCREMENTAL CAPACITY AT GORMANSTON

INTERCONNECTION POINT

MARKET DEMAND INDICATION

ASSESSMENT

STARTING 3rd July 2023

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	Expression of Interest Response Proforma Document	Separate Document

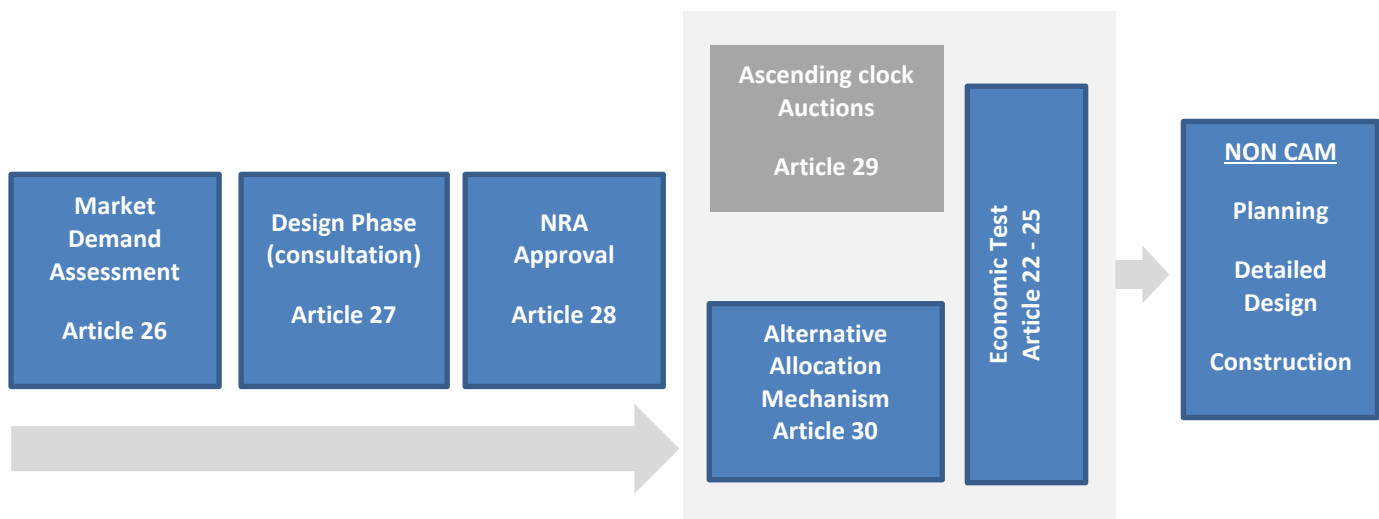
1.0 BACKGROUND

This document is being issued by Gas Networks Ireland and GNI (UK) Limited in its role as the Gas Transmission System Operator (TSO), in respect of the GNI Transmission System .

In order to harmonise the development process for incremental capacity, rules for incremental capacity have been included in the network code on Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM NC). An amended version has been approved by the EU Member States in October 2016 and the Entry into Force date was 6th April 2017.

The process provides for several phases, including certain requirements that need to be fulfilled, before an incremental project can be initiated based on market demand and new capacity requirements.

Figure 1: Phases for Releasing Incremental Capacity



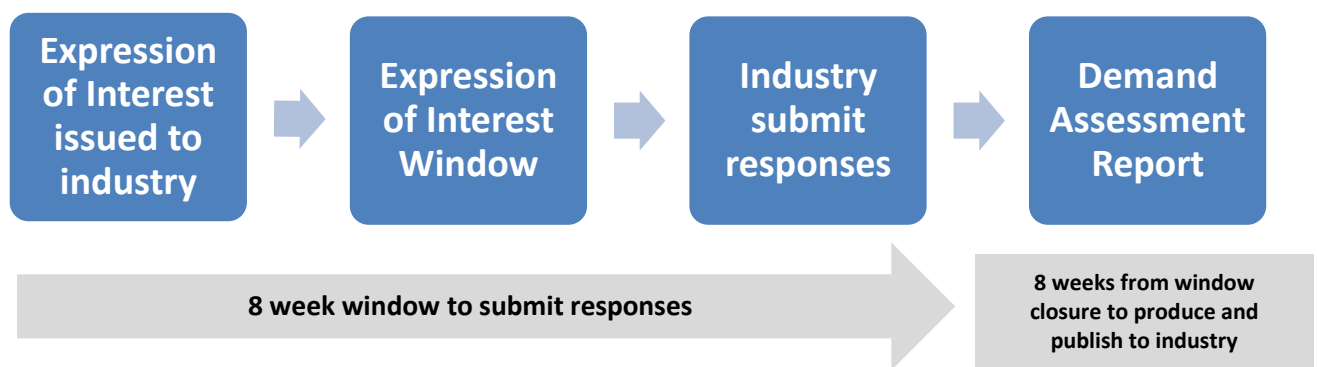
- The market demand assessment will be conducted in accordance with Article 26 of the Official Regulation (EU) 2017/459 of the amended CAM code hereafter referred to as the CAM Code and covers how the market will signal to TSOs a potential need for capacity beyond the unsold technical capacity available.
- The project design covers technical studies and a TSO led public consultation on the proposed incremental project.
- National Regulatory Authority (NRA) approval covers the finalisation of the project proposal followed by an NRA decision on whether the project goes ahead.
- The allocation mechanism can be via the standard annual yearly auctions at interconnection points (IP's), or an alternative mechanism can be proposed under the project design.

- Any allocation or reservation of capacity will be subject to an economic test.
- The CAM process does not cover rules for gaining planning consent or for construction however, these remain a necessary part of the process for creating incremental capacity, and are considered as part of the process rules where appropriate.

2.0 MARKET DEMAND ASSESSMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The key activities that will be undertaken as part of the market demand assessment process and in accordance with CAM Code are illustrated below:-

Figure 2: Market Demand Assessment high level process steps



2.1 Expression of Interest – Market Demand Indications

This expression of interest is issued to market participants to identify gas market demand indications, the demand indication window will be opened for a period of eight (8) weeks, during this period all interested market participants are able to submit their demand indications by completing the response proforma document contained within part two of this expression of interest.

The demand indication window will open on the date that the Annual Auction opens which is 3rd July 2023.

For submitting non-binding demand indications for incremental capacity and in accordance with the process described in the CAM Code, please provide the following information:

1. The adjacent entry-exit systems between which your company expresses demand for incremental capacity.
2. Your company's incremental capacity demand per gas year(s) between the adjacent entry-exit systems (one row = one amount of requested capacity).

3. Any demand indications which have been or will also be submitted to other transmission system operators, in case such indications are linked to your indication here.
4. Whether the demand expressed is subject to any of the following conditions: -
 - Demand is linked to demand at other IP's.
 - Demand is linked to demand expressed across a number of gas years.
 - Demand is linked to minimum of specific acceptable quantity.

Please complete all information requested under the points (1) to (4) in the table contained within part two of this document (response proforma).

Network users can also submit their non-binding demand indications after this deadline. In this case Gas Networks Ireland will reserve the right to decide, if the indication can be included in the ongoing demand assessment or if it will be used in the next assessment.

2.2 Evaluation of responses

Gas Networks Ireland will confirm receipt in writing of a demand indication response within 2 business days from receipt. Demand indication responses to this expression of interest will be deemed fully competent when:-

- All information required has been correctly and fully submitted
- The relevant demand indication fee has been paid and is available to Gas Networks Ireland as cleared funds.

Gas Networks Ireland will confirm in writing when a demand indication is deemed fully competent and will be included within the demand assessment report.

2.3 Market Demand Assessment Report

The demand assessment report will be produced and published to industry via the Code Modification Forum and uploaded to the Gas Networks Ireland website within 16 weeks (no later than the 23rd October 2023) of the start of the annual yearly auction.

The report will include, but not be limited to, the following information:-

- A conclusion on whether to initiate an incremental capacity project.
- The aggregated non-binding demand indications received during the latest demand indication window.
- The aggregated non-binding demand indications received before the latest demand indication window.
- The aggregated non-binding demand indications received after the latest demand indication window closed, but that will still be considered at this time.
- An assessment of the volume, direction and duration of the demand for incremental capacity at the common IP's, with each adjacent entry-exit system.
- The types and where available the aggregated size of the conditional demand indications received.

3.0 TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

The estimated timeline is detailed below:-

	19 Jun 23	26 Jun 23	03 Jul 23	10 Jul 23	17 Jul 23	24 Jul 23	31 Jul 23	07 Aug 23	14 Aug 23	21 Aug 23	28 Aug 23	04 Sep 23	11 Sep 23	18 Sep 23	25 Sep 23	02 Oct 23	09 Oct 23	16 Oct 23	23 Oct 23	
Activity			WK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Issue Incremental Info Notice																				
Expression of Interest for demand indications issued to industry																				
Demand indication Window Open																				
Demand indication Window Closes																				
National Gas Conduct Demand indications Assessment																				
National Gas Issue Demand Assessment Report to industry																				

4.0 RESPONSES

Please complete and submit part two of this document (response proforma) no later than 16:00 hrs 28th August 2023. Responses should be sent F.A.O Stephen O’Riordan to Stephen O’Riordan <Stephen.ORiordan@gasnetworks.ie>

We welcome any responses ahead of this date.

If in the event you have any queries please contact Stephen O’Riordan

Information arising from the expression of interest will be shared with other TSO’s and aggregated responses will be collated and shared within our demand assessment report.

5.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

	Term	Definition
01	Economic test	means a test applied to assess the economic viability of incremental capacity projects.
02	Incremental capacity	means a possible future increase via market based procedures in technical capacity or possible new capacity created where none currently exists that may be offered based on investment in physical infrastructure or long term capacity optimisation, and subsequently allocated subject to the positive outcome of an economic test
03	incremental capacity process	means a process to assess the market demand for incremental capacity that includes a non-binding phase, in which network users express and quantify their demand for incremental capacity, and a binding phase, in which binding commitments for contracting capacity are requested from network users by one or more
04	Incremental capacity project	means a project to increase the amount of technical capacity at an existing interconnection point or to establish a new interconnection point based on capacity allocation in the preceding incremental capacity process