Belfast Gas Transmission Limited (BGTL) has prepared this report in accordance with section 8 of its Transportation Code Modification Rules.

A Description of the nature and purpose of this modification

This proposal is being made to deal with the transition of the Northern Irish Gas Transmission Regime from a point-to-point regime.

Third Party Representations

BGTL received no written responses to the Initial Modification Report.

B BGTL’s Recommendation

BGTL believes that the Relevant Objective (condition 2.4 of the BGTL Licence) will be better facilitated by the Licensee’s Network Code as a result of this modification. This change will contribute to the secure, safe, reliable, efficient and economic development and maintenance of the Network by ensuring that Entry Capacity is introduced into the Northern Irish regime in time to enable a co-ordinated approach to pipeline access (including bundling of capacity at Interconnection Points) with the upstream transporters as is required by the CAM Regulation (EU 984/2013).

C The clauses of the Transportation Code that require amendment

This proposal will introduce a new section of the BGTL Code, the ‘Transition Document’, which will contain the procedures which will apply from the Implementation Date (proposed as 1st January 2015) until the Transition Date (1st October 2015) and set out how existing entitlements of capacity will be treated after the Transition Date.

D Impact on other Designated Pipeline Operator’s Network Codes:

Belfast Gas Transmission has worked with PTL and BGE(NI) to develop a co-ordinated approach to the Codes, and the TSOs are aiming to keep the changes to the BGE(NI) Code and the Premier Transmission Code as aligned/identical as possible. In accordance with the BGTL Code, Shippers rights of access to the BGTL pipeline are determined with reference to their bookings under the PTL Code, and there are no Entry Points to the Northern Irish network on the BGTL transportation system, so many of the Transition requirements needed for Premier Transmission and BGE(NI) are not required or relevant within the BGTL Code. However, it will be necessary to transition existing Firm Capacity into Exit Capacity and a corresponding Initial Entitlement to IP Entry Capacity and to reassess the associated credit requirement of Shippers with BGTL. BGTL is therefore proposing here a version of the Transition Document which contains only those elements relevant to its code.
E  The date proposed for implementation

BGTL proposes that the code modification is implemented 1\textsuperscript{st} January 2015.
T1 TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ENTRY CAPACITY

T1.1 Introduction

T1.1.1 From the Transition Date IP Entry Capacity is being introduced at IP Entry Points.

T1.1.2 In accordance with Section C, a Shipper is not required to apply for Belfast Gas Capacity but is treated as holding Belfast Gas Capacity corresponding to the PTL Firm Capacity which the Shipper holds pursuant to the PTL Code.

T1.1.3 Pursuant to the PTL Code, in relation to a PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point a Shipper may be allocated an Initial Entitlement of IP Entry Capacity corresponding to its holding of PTL Firm Capacity. Initial Entitlements shall be allocated (and a Shipper may apply to reduce its Initial Entitlement) pursuant to the PTL Code.

T1.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, as there is no IP Entry Point on the Belfast Gas System, a Shipper shall not be required to apply for or hold IP Entry Capacity on the Belfast Gas System.

T1.1.5 This section T1 sets out the transitional provisions which will apply to Shippers from the Implementation Date.

T1.2 Definitions

T1.2.1 In this Section T1:

(a) “Implementation Date” means 1st January 2015;

(b) “Initial Entitlement” has the meaning ascribed to it in the PTL Code;

(c) “Shipper Forecast Information Request” has the meaning given to it in Section T1.6;

(d) “Transition Date” means 1st October 2015;

(e) “Transition Period” means the period between the Implementation Date and the Transition Date.

T1.3 Capacity Transition

T1.3.1 From the Transition Date,
(a) existing allocations of PTL Firm Capacity at a PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point shall be treated under the PTL Code as allocations of the same quantity and duration of PTL Exit Capacity at the relevant PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point;

(b) the Belfast Gas Firm Capacity that a Shipper is treated as holding pursuant to Section C paragraph 3 (by reason of holding PTL Firm Capacity at the relevant PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point) shall be treated as a holding of the same quantity and duration of Belfast Gas Exit Capacity at a Belfast Gas Exit Point (by reason of holding PTL Exit Capacity at the relevant PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point) and a corresponding Initial Entitlement of IP Entry Capacity.

T1.3.2 Initial Entitlements of IP Entry Capacity shall be determined and allocated by PTL and paid for by Shippers pursuant to the PTL Code and a Shipper may apply to reduce all or part of its Initial Entitlement pursuant to the PTL Code.

T1.3.3 From the Transition Date, Belfast Gas shall be entitled to invoice for Belfast Gas Exit Capacity in accordance with Section F and a Shipper undertakes to pay such invoices in accordance with Section F.

T1.3.4 Belfast Gas shall reassess the Required Level of Credit Support for each Shipper for the Gas Year 2015-2016 during August 2015 and shall use the information provided pursuant to Section T1.6 when carrying out its reassessment.

T1.4 Surrender of PTL Firm Capacity during the Transition Period

T1.4.1 During the Transition Period, a Shipper may apply to surrender PTL Firm Capacity in respect of a PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point pursuant to the PTL Code.

T1.4.2 Where the amount of PTL Firm Capacity a Shipper holds in respect of a PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point increases or decreases as a result of surrender of PTL Firm Capacity pursuant to the PTL Code, the amount of Belfast Gas Firm Capacity the Shipper is treated as holding at the corresponding Belfast Gas Exit Point shall be equal to the amount of PTL Firm Capacity the Shipper holds pursuant to the PTL Code following the acceptance of any such surrender by PTL.

T1.5 Notifications

T1.5.1 Belfast Gas will procure that PTL shall notify Belfast Gas of the amount and duration of PTL Exit Capacity at a PTL Belfast Gas Exit Point that PTL has allocated a Shipper and which the Shipper shall be treated as holding with effect from the Transition Date.

T1.6 Shipper Forecast Information Requirements during the Transition Period

T1.6.1 A Shipper shall be required to provide its bone fide estimate of certain forecast information by 12th June 2015 in accordance with a “Shipper Forecast Information Request”.

T1.6.2 Belfast Gas shall provide the Shipper Forecast Information Request to Shippers by no later than 15th May 2015.
T1.6.3 Subject also to Section T1.6.4, the Shipper Forecast Information Request shall require completion of at least the following details in respect of a ten-year period commencing on the Transition Date:

(a) the amount of Belfast Gas Exit Capacity at each Belfast Gas Exit Point which the Shipper forecasts it will hold;

(b) the quantity of gas which the Shipper forecasts it will flow at each Belfast Gas Exit Point.

T1.6.4 Belfast Gas shall specify on the Shipper Forecast Information Request the units and any other details or information for which it may reasonably require Shippers to provide a forecast, for the purposes of compliance with EU legislation and/or the licence requirements of Belfast Gas and/or Shippers.

T1.6.5 For the purposes of Gas Year 2014-2015, information provided by a Shipper pursuant to this Section T1.6 shall be treated as satisfying the requirements of Section G paragraph 7.

T1.6.6 The information to be provided by a Shipper pursuant to this Section T1.10 shall be treated as having been requested by Belfast Gas for the purposes of:

(a) the Shipper’s Gas Supply Licence which obliges it to provide information to a licence holder to enable such licence holder to draw up plans for, inter alia, the safe operation of its system;

(b) the reassessment of the Required Level of Credit Support for Gas Year commencing on the Transition Date.
Modifications to the Definitions and Interpretation Section of the BGTL Code

SCHEDULE K  INTERPRETATION

Insert the following new definitions:

“Belfast Gas Exit Capacity” means firm capacity in the Belfast Gas System which a Shipper is treated as utilising in offtaking gas from the Belfast Gas System at a Belfast Gas Exit Point;

“Interconnection Point” has the meaning ascribed to it in the PTL Code;

“IP Entry Capacity” has the meaning ascribed to it in the PTL Code.

“PTL Exit Capacity” means PTL firm Exit Capacity which constitutes “Exit Capacity” within the meaning ascribed to that term in the PTL Code;

“IP Entry Point” has the meaning ascribed to it in the PTL Code;