

Interconnector (UK) Limited

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PROMPT ACTION AVERTS GAS FLOW CURTAILMENT

Prompt action by Interconnector and its customers yesterday averted a potential curtailment of gas flows through the pipeline.

On Monday morning an interlock on a valve at Zeebrugge was unexpectedly triggered. This meant that gas could not be physically redelivered at Zeebrugge until the pipeline inventory was reduced. Consequently, gas was redelivered at Bacton for a brief period of time to reduce pipeline inventory.

This prompt action ensured that Interconnector was able to resolve the problem within hours such that, over the course of the Gas Day, the aggregate customer nomination at both Bacton and Zeebrugge was met. This was a significant achievement given that aggregate flow through the pipeline increased sevenfold from 19 GWh (1.8 mcm) to 136 GWh (12.6 mcm) during the Gas Day, with the hourly flow rate increasing from around 0.4 GWh/h (equivalent to 0.9 mcm/day) to around 10 GWh/h (equivalent to 22 mcm/day).

Steps have been taken to ensure that the problem does not occur again.

INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED - BACKGROUND

Interconnector (UK) Limited ("IUK") operates a sub-sea pipeline and terminal facilities connecting the UK and continental Europe. The company's 40" diameter carbon steel pipeline stretches 230 kilometres between Bacton in north Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium. It is capable of transporting 20 billion cubic metres per year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 25.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.

Owned by 7 major companies, IUK has sold capacity in the pipeline to gas shippers. A dedicated and award winning IT system, ISIS, manages the nominations and flows and provides constantly updated information to IUK and its customers.

Further information on IUK can be obtained from www.interconnector.com

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