

# Media Release



## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### **GAS FLOWS THROUGH INTERCONNECTOR CHANGE DIRECTION**

In response to customers' nominations, Interconnector (UK) Ltd will undertake the necessary operations to change the physical gas flow direction through the Interconnector. This will commence at 06:00 hours Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005. The physical flow direction will change from "Reverse Flow Mode" (Import from Continental Europe to UK) to "Forward Flow Mode" (Export to Continental Europe from the UK). The change is planned to complete within 24 hours.

This winter a record quantity of gas has been imported into the UK through the Interconnector. From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 the Interconnector has been in "Reverse Flow Mode" during which time over 74,000 MMJ (~1.8 bcm) of gas has been imported into the UK.

The direction of gas flow through the Interconnector is a function of market demand. The pipeline system responds to nominated volumes and flow direction from its customers (or Gas Shippers). Likewise the duration of flow in this new direction will also be subject to market demand and subsequent nominations.

### **INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND**

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, or IUK, operates a sub-sea pipeline and terminal facilities connecting the UK and continental Europe. The company's 40" diameter pipeline stretches 230 kilometres between Bacton in north Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium. It is capable of transporting 20 billion cubic metres a year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.

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

Further information on IUK can be obtained from [www.interconnector.com](http://www.interconnector.com)

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