



# FULCRUM PIPELINES LIMITED

## GAS TRANSPORTER LICENCE

### STANDARD LICENCE CONDITION 4A

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND METHODS TO BE USED TO  
DETERMINE CHARGES FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
UTILISING FULCRUM PIPELINES LIMITED NETWORKS

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## SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

This is a statement of the principles on which, and the methods by which Fulcrum Pipelines Limited<sup>1</sup> will determine gas transportation charges, pursuant to Standard Condition 4A of the Gas Transporter Licence. The Statement applies to charges determined from the Statement Effective Date, until superseded by any future Statement.

Further information relating to our connection services may be obtained from the Fulcrum website, [www.fulcrum.co.uk](http://www.fulcrum.co.uk) or by writing to the Network Integrity Manager at the address given in Section 4.

## SECTION 2 – TRANSPORTATION CHARGING: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In 1995 the Gas Act 1986 was amended to allow for the creation of Independent Gas Transporters (IGTs), which develop, operate and maintain local gas transportation networks. To ensure equitable charging by Independent Transporters, Ofgem decided that the amounts an IGT may charge to transport gas through its network should be regulated by means of relative price control (RPC). This was introduced in January 2004. IGTs are free to choose their own methods of charging, but the maximum amount chargeable is determined by RPC.

Fulcrum Pipelines' method of calculating transportation charges is the method currently set out by Ofgem for determining the maximum amounts allowable under RPC.

General information regarding regulation of IGTs can be found here:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/GasDistr/IGTReg/Pages/IGTReg.aspx>

Detail of the methodology can be found here:

[http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/GasDistr/IGTReg/Documents1/3946-Decisiondoc-IGT\\_Final\\_Proposals.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/GasDistr/IGTReg/Documents1/3946-Decisiondoc-IGT_Final_Proposals.pdf)

<sup>1</sup>Fulcrum Pipelines Limited is the Licence holder for Gas Transportation. All references to “we”, “us”, or “our” in this document refer to Fulcrum Pipelines Limited, trading as “Fulcrum”.

### **SECTION 3 – ANCILLARY CHARGES**

The following charges are not regulated by any of Fulcrum Pipelines' Gas Transportation Licence Conditions, and as such not subject to Ofgem approval.

#### **Estimated Opening Reads**

Under the Independent Gas Transporters' Uniform Network Code (iGT UNC) Part E, it is the Registered System Users responsibility to provide the Pipeline Operator with a reading on confirmation for a proposed supply point.

If the Registered System User fails to obtain a valid Opening Meter Reading in pursuant to our Network Code, we will produce an Estimated Opening Meter Reading. Each of these Forced Estimated Reads will be charged at £15 per read.

## SECTION 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION

### 4.1 Requesting Our Gas Transportation Services

FULCRUM PIPELINES LIMITED  
2 Europa View  
Sheffield Business Park  
Sheffield S9 1XH

Tel: 03330 146 455

Email: [enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk)

### 4.2 Further Information on this document

Any comments or enquiries regarding this document should be forwarded to our Network integrity Manager:

The Network Integrity Manager  
FULCRUM PIPELINES LIMITED  
2 Europa View  
Sheffield Business Park  
Sheffield S9 1XH

Tel: 03330 146 455

Email: [enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk)

### 4.3 Complaints

In the first instance complaints should be raised with us by contacting:

FULCRUM PIPELINES LIMITED  
2 Europa View  
Sheffield Business Park  
Sheffield S9 1XH

Tel: 03330 146 455

Email: [enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk)

If the matter is not resolved following referral to us it should be referred to The Energy Ombudsman. The Energy Ombudsman can be contacted as follows:

Tel: 0845 055 0706

Email: [enquiries@energy-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@energy-ombudsman.org.uk)

If it ultimately proves necessary to refer the matter to Ofgem for a determination, correspondence should be addressed to:

THE CHAIRMAN  
The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority  
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets  
9 Millbank  
London SW1P 3GE