

## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### Proposed Annual Maintenance for Gas Year 2020

As you are aware, the current COVID-19 pandemic impacted the delivery of equipment as well as the availability of vendor resources required to complete maintenance during the original confirmed IUK maintenance shutdown scheduled for November 2020.

As a result, IUK confirmed the reduction of its original planned annual maintenance activities from ten days (10) to two (2) days commencing Wednesday 4 November 2020 06:00 CET and ending Friday 6 November 2020 06:00 CET to facilitate necessary maintenance as communicated previously [[media release](#)]. This maintenance is going ahead as planned.

IUK has since co-ordinated with its adjacent grid operators and is now proposing a second maintenance period of thirteen (13) days to complete the maintenance activities which had to be postponed during November 2020. The proposal is for this maintenance to commence 1 August 2021 06:00 CET and end 14 August 2021 06:00 CET.

IUK is proposing maintenance during this period to maintain full availability during Q1 2021 for Winter security of supply, as well as during the Q2 period where UK exports have been more pronounced in recent years.

In line with the IUK Access Code, Section I, paragraph 5.2.1 the consultation on this shutdown maintenance proposal for Gas Year 2020-2021 opens today. Please provide, if any, comments to the proposal by 2 October 2020.

Following this consultation period the final plan will be confirmed and published on 5 October 2020.

### Interconnector (UK) Limited - Background

Interconnector (UK) Limited owns and operates the strategic bi-directional gas pipeline and terminal facilities linking the UK and continental European energy markets. The system is capable of transporting approximately 803 GWh/d from Zeebrugge to Bacton and 651 GWh/d in the opposite direction.

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