

Dear BBLC & GTS,

BGTL welcome the opportunity to respond to the consultations for the integration of the BBL interconnector with the TTF market area.

BGTL fully supports the proposed integration of the BBL pipeline into the TTF market area, bringing the NBP and TTF markets closer together, for a variety of reasons which we summarise below:

- GTS & BBL expect an increase in liquidity at both the UK & Dutch hubs – we support their assertion;
- Expectation of increased volume through the hubs should ultimately benefit end-users;
- A positive impact on the BBL reverse flow opportunities would be anticipated as a result of lower transportation costs;
- Market-wide benefits with regards to the balancing costs as a result of GTS access to increased line pack;
- The proposal appears compliant with European Codes and contractually should be straightforward to bring into effect;
- The implementation costs of such a project have been described as ‘minor’;
- The development is in the spirit of removing barriers to cross-border trading and we would expect such a development to be welcomed by both Ofgem & the ACM.

We shall look forward to working with both BBL and GTS as this development is approved by the relevant Regulatory Authority and enters implementation in 2018.

Kind regards,
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