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## ANNEX I

### GUIDELINES ON

2. Principles of capacity-allocation mechanisms and congestion-management procedures concerning transmission system operators and their application in the event of contractual congestion

[<sup>F1</sup>2.2. *Congestion management procedures in the event of contractual congestion*

2.2.5. *Long-term use-it-or-lose-it mechanism*

1. National regulatory authorities shall require transmission system operators to partially or fully withdraw systematically underutilised contracted capacity on an interconnection point by a network user where that user has not sold or offered under reasonable conditions its unused capacity and where other network users request firm capacity. Contracted capacity is considered to be systematically underutilised in particular if:
  - (a) the network user uses less than on average 80 % of its contracted capacity both from 1 April until 30 September and from 1 October until 31 March with an effective contract duration of more than one year for which no proper justification could be provided; or
  - (b) the network user systematically nominates close to 100 % of its contracted capacity and renominates downwards with a view to circumventing the rules laid down in point 2.2.3(3).
2. The application of a firm day-ahead use-it-or-lose-it mechanism shall not be regarded as justification to prevent the application of paragraph 1.
3. Withdrawal shall result in the network user losing its contracted capacity partially or completely for a given period or for the remaining effective contractual term. The network user shall retain its rights and obligations under the capacity contract until the capacity is reallocated by the transmission system operator and to the extent the capacity is not reallocated by the transmission system operator.
4. Transmission system operators shall regularly provide national regulatory authorities with all the data necessary to monitor the extent to which contracted capacities with effective contract duration of more than one year or recurring quarters covering at least two years are used.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Decision of 24 August 2012 on amending Annex I to Regulation \(EC\) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks \(Text with EEA relevance\) \(2012/490/EU\)](#).

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- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2019/530 Sch. 2 para. 18](#)
- Art. 6(1)(d) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1286, reg. 10 by [S.I. 2020/1016 reg. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 6(1)(h) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1286, reg. 10 by [S.I. 2020/1016 reg. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
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- Art. 30A30B substituted for Art. 30 by [S.I. 2019/530 Sch. 2 para. 16](#)