



Final Forecast Network Capacity Statement for Gas Year 2026 / 2027

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1. Licence Obligation to publish a Forecast Network Capacity Statement

As per licence condition 2.12 of the Kinecx Energy (formerly known as Firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited) conveyance licence, Kinecx Energy book and hold Exit Capacity on the Postalised Transmission Network for all shippers who operate within the Kinecx Energy licence area. As per this licence condition, Kinecx Energy book this Exit Capacity to ensure that sufficient gas can be conveyed to meet daily firm demand, which is likely to be exceeded in 1 year out of 20 years.

Kinecx Energy are further required under this licence condition to carry out a consultation process with gas suppliers acceded to the Kinecx Energy Distribution Network Code and to then produce and publish a Forecast Network Capacity Statement. Kinecx Energy issued the Draft Forecast Network Capacity Statement to gas suppliers on 14th January 2026 with a deadline for responses of 5.00pm on Wednesday 5th February 2026. Kinecx Energy received no responses to this Draft Forecast Network Capacity Statement.

2. Determining the forecast daily firm Capacity for Gas Year 2026/2027

In calculating the Postalised Exit Capacity, Kinecx Energy has considered the relationship between consumption, temperature and forecast load growth. Consideration has also been given to the total SMP Capacity requirement for the Kinecx Energy network. Regression analysis was carried out on historical volume data and the corresponding temperature data, considering the impact of the temperature on the coldest day in the last 50 years (which was -10.1 Degrees Celsius on 21st December 2010) and the corresponding firm consumption. We applied the relationship between temperature and volume to estimate the peak day for the current firm customer base for a 1-in-20 year's peak demand. Load growth is also considered in determining the requirements.

3. Impact on Postalised Capacity Charges

The analysis of the Postalised Exit Capacity requirements has indicated that the current capacity booking should remain the same as in current year (12,606 MWh) for the Kinecx Energy network for Gas Year 2026 / 2027.

Using the published forecast capacity charge for Gas Year 2026/2027 and forecast volume demand, Tables 1 and 2 below demonstrate the forecast impact of the proposed capacity booking.

Table 1: Capacity booking for current Gas Year and forecast capacity booking for Gas Year 2026 / 2027 for firm distribution volumes

	Capacity Booking (000s therms)	Capacity Booking (MWhs)
Current Postalised Capacity Booking	430.13	12,606
Forecast Postalised Capacity Booking	430.13	12,606
Variance (therms)	0	0
Variance (%)	0	0

Table 2: Forecast capacity charge expressed in commodity terms

	Pence per kWh	Pence per therm
Forecast Postalised capacity charge expressed in commodity terms based on current capacity booking	0.2911	8.558
Forecast Postalised capacity charge expressed in commodity terms based on proposed new capacity booking	0.2879	8.438
Percentage forecast change	-1%	-1%

4. Conclusions and recommendations

Using regression analysis, total SMP Capacity requirements, forecasted volumes and experience of a 1-in-20 winter, we believe the methodology used above is fit for purpose and propose that the current Exit Capacity booking of 12,606 MWh remains the same for Gas Year 2026 / 2027.

Kinecx Energy are proposing that this Exit Capacity booking is made for Gas Year 2026 / 2027 only.

Given that no responses to the Draft Forecast Network Capacity Statement were received, Kinecx Energy will now proceed to submit an application to the Gas Market Operator Northern Ireland, requesting the current capacity booking of 12,606 MWh remain unchanged for Gas Year 2026/2027.

