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Our market consultation (launched on 12th July 2022 [here](#)) closed on Wednesday 23rd Aug. The consultation is a vital tool and is the first stage in any potential methodology change, so we are very grateful to all those who provided feedback during this process. The vessel specification used within the Spark LNG freight rates is a critical component for ensuring the future relevance of the benchmarks and as such the wide-ranging involvement in this consultation is greatly appreciated.

As promised, below we are sharing the feedback and conclusions from the consultation.

### **What did we propose?**

- Change the Vessel Type and Boil Off rate specifications for the **Spark30/Spark25 contacts** from 160 TFDE (160) with a 0.1% Boil Off rate, to 174 2 Stroke (174) with a 0.075% Boil Off rate **effective from 1st January 2024**.

### **What did the market say?**

The vast majority of firms - including traders and brokers - who gave feedback supported the change to the Vessel Type to a 2 Stroke (174) and supported the proposed timetable for implementing the change on 1st January 2024.

No firms objected to the assumption of no onboard liquefaction system for the benchmark vessel.

Several firms did comment that the Boil Off rate specification for the benchmark vessel would be more appropriate at 0.085% rather than the proposed 0.075%, as this is a more common specification for 2 Stroke (174) vessels in the current fleet and order book.

### **What happens next?**

Given the feedback on the Boil Off rates, we are proposing to change the Spark30S and Spark25S Vessel Type to 174 2 Stroke (174) **with a 0.085% Boil Off rate effective from 1st January 2024**.

As this is a modification to the original proposal, we are extending the consultation period until 30th September to allow for further discussion and feedback on this point. We will aim to share feedback and any conclusions in early October.

If you have any comments on this change or would like to discuss further, please email us with your feedback. Please note that any feedback received may be made public unless you include that you would like it kept confidential.

Thank you for your continued support.