

UNC 0XXX:

Mod Title: Amendments to UNC to align with Gas Demand Forecasting Methodology



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Why change?



- The methodology for forecasting gas demand was developed in the 1980s and has only undergone minor changes since then
- A third-party consultancy was hired by National Gas Transmission (NGT) and National Grid ESO to review the Gas Demand Forecasting Methodology (GDFM) and TD76
- The consultancy identified a number of inconsistencies within the forecasting documents, how forecasting is undertaken and how forecasting is described within the UNC
- Currently, the UNC contains out of date references and information on gas demand forecasting and it is also no longer aligned to NGT's licence conditions
- Additionally, further changes are planned for the next review of the approach to demand forecasting which would create further misalignment with the UNC

Options



- In the coming months, NGT will begin consulting upon future changes to the forecasting methodology^{*}
- However, a Modification is required to update the processes, terminology and references within the UNC
- Some of the changes will be proactive, rather than reactive, to ensure the code contains up to date information ahead of the publication of the next methodology^{**}

^{*} Any changes to the methodology for gas demand forecasting will be subject to separate consultation and Authority approval

^{**} These changes are not material in nature, they are minor corrections / updates of terms and references and will not impact on the consultation

Solution



- We have identified 35 amendments that are required across four documents:
 - OAD H – 10 proposed changes to text
 - OAD N – 1 proposed change to text
 - TPD O – 21 proposed changes to text
 - GTC – 3 proposed changes to text
- These changes are all minor in nature and involve either updates to terminology or the deletion of now irrelevant text
- We are not proposing any material changes to the UNC text or how gas forecasting is described in the UNC

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
 - Subject to Self-Governance
 - Workgroup assessment to develop the modification for 2-3 months