

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0611
"Amendment to Timetable Relating to the Finalisation of End User Categories and Demand Models"
Version 1.0

Date: 07/02/2003

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/06/2003

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

The current timetable set out in the Network Code for the Supply Point End User Category (EUC) review is unduly restrictive. Historically, Transco has had insufficient time to process the agreed final EUC data to meet the deadline by which all portfolios with proposed Supply Point Aqs and EUC tables are issued to Users. To address this anomaly Transco has in the past commenced processing this data before 31 August of each year in order to meet a 14th September deadline. This matter has been discussed within the Demand Estimation Sub-committee and has received broad support from its members. The existing timetable is as follows:

• Publication of Transco proposals	by 30 June
• Users to submit representations	by 15 July
• Transco review representations	by 14 August
• Transco submit final proposals	by 15 August
• Application for disapproval	by 22 August
• Ofgem determination	by 31 August

Nature of Proposal

Modification of the Network Code is required to provide an opportunity for Transco to issue the annual End User Category final proposals at an earlier date which would enable the "application for disapproval" and Ofgem determination deadlines to be brought forward. Currently the timetable is restricted by absolute dates which provides no flexibility if the final proposals are completed by Transco at an earlier date.

It is proposed that if Transco completes the final proposals before 15 August of each year they can be submitted to Ofgem immediately upon completion. Transco and Users would then have an opportunity, as now, for disapproval if necessary within five Business Days of the final proposals being submitted with Ofgem determination being a further five Business Days from that date. The proposed timetable is therefore as follows:

• Publication of Transco proposals	by 30 June
• Users to submit representations	by 15 July
• Transco review representations	by 14 August
• Transco submit final proposals	by 15 August

- Application for disapproval within 5 Business Days of submission of final proposals by Transco (but in any event by 22/08)
- Ofgem determination within 10 Business Days of submission of final proposals by Transco (but in any event by 31/08)
- Transco completes notification of 14 September
and Supply Point AQs

Purpose of Proposal

The EUC review timetable is currently inflexible in that insufficient time is currently available to Transco for the calculation of Supply Point End User Categories. Transco believes that implementation of this Modification Proposal would enable it to review User representations more efficiently and produce an early final proposal which would enable the date by which Ofgem's determination must be made to be brought forward. This in turn would provide Transco with more time to process the final EUC data in accordance with its Network Code obligations.

The proposed measures are consistent with Transco's GT Licence obligations for facilitating the economic and efficient operation of its pipeline system.

Consequence of not making this change

The EUC review timetable currently detailed within the Network Code would remain inflexible.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Principal Document Section H 1.9

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