

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0613

"Amendment to UK Link Class 2 (and Class 3) Modifications Timetable"

Version 2.0

Date: 14/02/2003

Proposed Implementation Date:

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

At present Transco consults with the UK Link Committee regarding the implementation plan for Class 2 and Class 3 Modifications. However the timetable for notifying, commenting and revising Class 2 or Class 3 Modifications is out of synch with the frequency of UK Link Committee meetings and results in consultations being done in an ad hoc manner.

Nature of Proposal

This modification to the Network Code would amend the current timetable for issuing and responding to Transco or User System Modifications so that it is more efficient and effective. Both Class 2 and Class 3 modifications would be subject to the same procedures.

Purpose of Proposal

This proposal would better facilitate the relevant objective of facilitating competition in gas shipping and supply and the efficient operation of the system:

- It would create a monthly timetable for issuing and responding to Transco or User System Modifications, and assist the UK Link Committee in its decision making process.
- UK Link Committee members would be able to take account of Users' comments on proposals thereby ensuring that the consultation process works more effectively.
- It would reduce the administrative burden on all parties, including Transco, as the UK Link modification process would be more streamlined as proposals would be batched together in one pack each month.
- It would result in UK Link Users having not less than 10 Business Days to submit any comments to Transco in respect of a proposal rather than the 15 Business Days currently mandated in the Network Code to ensure that this process can be completed to a monthly timetable.

Proposed Text:

Amend Section U 8.4.2 so that it reads as follows:

The UK Link Committee will agree a timetable with regard to the issuing of proposals to make any Transco System Modification or User System Modification as a Class 2 Modification. This timetable will provide for specific dates to assist the following activities:

- a. When Transco will issue proposals to UK Link Users for consideration at the UK Link Committee, setting out in outline the nature and purpose of the modification and an indicative timetable for implementing the modification;

- b. When UK Link Users will be invited by Transco to submit any comments on the proposal allowing for a minimum period of 10 (ten) Business Days after Transco's notification, (including its implications for UK Link Users, such as the technical, business and implementation impacts of the change).
- c. Transco may revise its proposal in light of any comments made by UK Link Users;
- d. after the period referred to in paragraph (b), and after considering any comments made by UK Link Users, Transco will (unless it has withdrawn its proposal) prepare a plan (such plan, as from time to time revised pursuant to the further provisions of this paragraph 8.4, being the 'implementation plan') for the implementation of its proposal or revised proposal, setting out in reasonable detail the nature of the proposal and the steps and timetable proposed for its implementation;
- e. When Transco will distribute the responses it has received in relation to each proposal (excluding those responses which are identified as confidential) and submit the implementation plan to the UK Link Committee, for consultation as to whether the steps and timetable planned by Transco for the implementation of the modification are appropriate having regard to the nature of the modification and the implication for UK Link Users of making the modification.
- f. The date when the timetable will be issued and the period it will cover.

Section U 8.6.1 (a) will also need to be amended to 10 Business Days.

Consequence of not making this change

The timetable for UK Link Modifications will be less than optimal, and Transco and shippers will not be able to respond to proposals.

Area of Network Code Concerned

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