

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0604
"Amendment to UK Link Class 2 (and Class 3) Modifications Timetable"
Version 1.0

Date: 19/11/2002

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.

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.

Proposed Text:

Amend Section U 8.4.2 so that it reads as follows:

“Where Transco proposes to make any Transco System Modification or User System Modification (other than one required to implement a Class 3 Modification) as a Class 2 Modification:

- a. 18 (eighteen) Business Days prior to the relevant UK Link Committee meeting Transco will notify UK Link Users of ~~its~~each proposal for consideration at such meeting, setting out in outline the nature and purpose of the modification and an indicative timetable for implementing the modification;
- b. UK Link Users will be invited by Transco to submit any comments on the proposal ~~UK Link Users may~~, within a period of 150 (ten) Business Days after Transco's notification, ~~submit to Transco any comments on the proposal~~ (including its implications for UK Link Users, such as the technical, business and implementation impacts of the change) so that they are received at least 8 (eight) Business Days prior to the relevant UK Link Committee meeting;
- c. Transco may revise its proposal in light of any comments made by UK Link Users ~~(and will not be required to notify under paragraph (a) any such revision)~~;
- 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. 5 (five) days before the relevant UK Link Committee meeting Transco will distribute the responses it has received in relation to each proposal 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 UK Link Committee may agree that the invitation to UK Link Users specified in paragraph (b) above be extended to allow further time to consider any proposal.

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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