

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0526
"Amendment to the provisions governing New Supply Point Registration"
Version 4.0

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Proposed Implementation Date: 01/04/2002

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

The SPA/Metering Workstream has identified elements of Section G of the Network Code which require modification so that the provisions relating to New Supply Point Registration facilitate the requirements of meter liberalisation

The current provisions within the Network Code (Section G7) require that a New Supply Meter Point is created where Transco has undertaken physical works (Siteworks) and that a Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN) is created and entered into Transco's Supply Point Register from the date at which the Siteworks contract comes into force.

The Network Code further details that a User may not off-take gas prior to registration, unless an 'election for start up gas' has been received by Transco, as part of the Siteworks process.

It is necessary to revise each of these provisions as, contrary to the Network Code assumption, it is possible for parties other than Transco to undertake the physical works necessary to create a new Supply Meter Point.

Nature of Proposal

It is proposed to modify the Network Code as follows:

Amend the definition of Siteworks to exclude the establishment of a New Supply Meter Point. This will clarify that Siteworks for this purpose will no longer be undertaken by Transco in its role as transporter.

Amend the trigger for the 'election for start up gas' so that in certain circumstances following Confirmation a User is able to off-take gas prior to the Supply Point Registration Date (SPRD). These circumstances for both Smaller and Larger Supply Meter Points are as follows:

If a Confirmation is submitted where there is no Supply Meter installed at the Meter Point and subsequently a Supply Meter is fitted prior to SPRD, the Network Code will provide for the User being the 'deemed Registered User' between meter fix date and SPRD.

If a User submits a Confirmation where a Supply Meter is already installed and requires off-take immediately the Network Code will provide that the User shall

be the 'deemed Registered User' from the date that the Confirmation was submitted via UK-Link until SPRD for a maximum of 30 days for both Smaller and Larger NDM Supply Meter Points.

Upon registration Transco will notify the User of the meter fix read provided via the Connection & Disconnections route. Unless the User provides an alternative meter reading to Transco, via the U01 IX file, the meter fix read will be used for reconciliation purposes.

Amend the Network Code to reflect that for Supply Meter Points (<732,000kWh) a MPRN will be entered into the Supply Point Register when Transco is notified of physical connection to Transco's system.

During the registration process the User will for all Supply Meter Points confirm or amend the initial AQ value provided to Transco under separate arrangements by the connections company. An amendment can be made via the current appeals mechanism at D-7 for Smaller Supply Points and for Larger Supply Points following the transportation offer and prior to the confirmation effective date.

Supply Meter Points >732,000kWh will continue to be entered into the Supply Point Register in a planned status reflecting the greater complexity of arranging infrastructure requirements.

Remove redundant and inoperative User liabilities in (G7.6) as these provisions rely upon the no longer operative 'shadow log' provisions.

Purpose of Proposal

That the Network Code is modified to align the New Supply Point Registration provisions with metering liberalisation changes by April 2002.

Consequence of not making this change

If these changes are not made the Network Code would not reflect industry changes resulting from metering liberalisation.

Area of Network Code Concerned

G7

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