

**OFGEM DECISION LETTER No. 0522**  
"Deferral of Maintenance Information Publication Obligation"  
Version 1.0

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Transco, Shippers and Other Interested Parties

Dear Colleague,

Modification Proposal 0522: Deferral of Maintenance Information Publication Obligation.

Ofgem has considered the request from Transco for modification proposal 0522, 'Deferral of Maintenance Information Publication Obligation' to follow urgent procedures. We agree that this modification merits urgent status.

Currently, the Network Code requires Transco to publish its Summer Maintenance plan for 2002 by 31 January 2002. This proposal seeks to defer the publication of Transco's Summer Maintenance plan for 2002 until early May 2002.

In raising this modification Transco has indicated that the maintenance plan should not be finalised until market signals about the value that is placed on capacity have been revealed and to ensure that information released to the market concerning the maintenance plan is not potentially misleading. The next series of monthly system entry capacity auctions for the period 1 April 2002 to 30 September 2002 is currently scheduled to occur in early February. Transco is also considering conducting a tender to enable it to contract forward for capacity for this period. Transco has indicated that this tender may occur in March 2002.

Under the proposal a draft maintenance programme will be published on 31 March with the Annual Maintenance meeting being held in April 2002. The proposal also provides that the final Maintenance Programme would be published on 1 May 2002.

Ofgem agrees that this modification proposal merits urgent status given the short period of time remaining prior to the scheduled maintenance plan publication date of 31 January 2002.

Issued to Ofgem for decision on urgency	14 January 2002
Proposal agreed as urgent	15 January 2002
Proposal issued for consultation	15 January 2002
Close out for representations	18 January 2002
Final report to Ofgem	23 January 2002
Ofgem decision expected	28 January 2002

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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