

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0462
"Amendment to the Shipper Agreed Read Process upon Supply Point Transfer"
Version 2.0

Date: 18/04/2001

Proposed Implementation Date:

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

To improve the Customer Transfer process by use of a greater proportion of actual reads, or more accurate estimates generated by the incumbent user, to be accepted within the arrangements between Proposing and Withdrawing Users and Transco

Nature of Proposal

The responsibility for generating an estimate meter read for transfer passes to the withdrawing user. At the time receipt of the withdrawal notice (S10), the withdrawing user will generate an estimate of the meter reading at D (Transfer date) and pass this with associated asset detail to Transco. Transco will then validate this estimate, according to agreed criteria. Where validated it will be regarded as a "valid read" in M3.8.2. This estimate is then passed to the proposing user with an indication as to whether it has passed validation or otherwise. The proposing user is then able to target appropriate resource in the most effective manner to obtaining an actual read to facilitate transfer. Only where the withdrawing shipper read has failed validation AND no actual read has been provided by the proposing user will Transco generate their own estimate to be used for supply point transfer.

In the context of this amendment it is also proposed to consider any merits of aligning the read window with that applied in Electricity transfers (D-5 to D+5). Whilst not an essential element of the process, this was an aspiration of the "Improvement of Customer Transfer" consultation and could be addressed at the same time.

Whilst considering revision of this section of Network Code, it is proposed that the Standard of Service around this activity also be considered.

Purpose of Proposal

To revise the obligations of the Withdrawing and Proposing Users and avoid generation of unnecessary Transco estimated meter reads on customer transfer.

Consequence of not making this change

Many customer transfers will be based upon inaccurate estimated meter reads and will then require subsequent amendment.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section M

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