

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0461
"Amendment to Curtailment time for Interruptible Entry Capacity"
Version 1.0

Date: 12/04/2001

Proposed Implementation Date: ASAP

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

Transco is able to manage system constraints by either the curtailment of Interruptible System Entry Capacity and/or the buy back of Firm System Entry Capacity. The notice periods for curtailment and buy back are a consideration in the constraint management process. At present, the last effective curtailment time for Interruptible System Entry Capacity is 24:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day whilst Users are able to submit offers to surrender Firm System Entry Capacity up to 02:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day.

These times indicate that between 24:00 hours and 02:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day the only constraint management tool available to Transco is the buy back of Firm System Entry Capacity, even if Interruptible System Entry Capacity has not been scaled back to a zero flow rate from that time to the end of the Gas Day.

This Modification Proposal seeks to remove this inconsistency between the notice periods for curtailment of Interruptible System Entry Capacity and the buy back of Firm System Entry Capacity, so that both tools are available to Transco for as long as reasonably practical.

Nature of Proposal

It is proposed that the last effective curtailment time for Interruptible System Entry Capacity is amended from 24:00 hours to 02:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day.

Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of the proposal is to harmonise the curtailment and buyback times, allowing Transco to have access to both constraint management tools for as long reasonably practical.

Consequence of not making this change

During the hours of 24:00 to 02:00 on the Gas Flow Day, the only constraint management tool available to Transco will be the buy back of Firm System Entry Capacity. This could result in buy back costs being generated when a more cost effective action may have been the curtailment of Interruptible System Entry Capacity.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section B 2.10.2 (ii)

"the time "**curtailment effective time**"which shall be no earlier than 06:00 hours nor later than ~~24:00~~ 02:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day..."

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