

TRANSCO - ALTERNATIVE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

DATE: 1 March 1996

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 29th April 1996

URGENCY: URGENT Modification to Facilitate Domestic Competition

JUSTIFICATION: Domestic competition starts on the 29th April 1996 and to facilitate this TransCo need to amend the Network Code to provide a longer close-out window for the provision of opening meter reads.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED

M 3.8.2 (ii)

NATURE OF PROPOSAL

It has been agreed that opening meter reads in the Domestic Market will be customer reads provided by the shipper in MRREAD format via the I'X link. In order to give shipper's time to manually input the meter read data it is proposed to lengthen the close-out window from D+5 to D+7 business days.

In order to ensure that TransCo is able to process any reads received on D+7, and to ensure that an estimate is generate should a read not be provided by that date, the cut-off time for D+7 is proposed to be 12.00 midday.

This modification will apply to all opening meter reads. Where TransCo is providing an opening meter read service the only impact of this proposed change is that estimated opening reads (where TransCo is unable to obtain a real read) will not be generated until D+8 business days (instead of D+6).

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL

This proposal is required to facilitate domestic competition and the provision of opening reads in the domestic market.

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