

Fastpath for UK Link Changes

Terms of Reference

Scope

The objective of this Modification Proposal is to provide TransCo with appropriate means of quickly rectifying a failure in UK Link where a change to the functionality is needed. Current arrangements for changing UK Link don't appear to provide appropriate processes in all circumstances. In particular should an urgent change be required out of office hours the present provisions could prove difficult to operate successfully.

The present Proposal (Ref 0007) indicates the circumstances under which TransCo may need to invoke the fastpath. The work that now needs to be undertaken by a Workgroup is:

- a) Confirm the need for alterations in the Network Code to enable the fastpath for changes to UK Link,
- b) Confirm and provide an assessment of the circumstances under which such a facility would be used,
- c) Recommend the most appropriate method of providing the required fastpath.

Work To Be Undertaken

In producing the Workgroup Report it is envisaged that the following Stages will be undertaken. They can be overlapped at the Chairmans' discretion.

Stage 1.

In confirming the requirement for this Modification the Workgroup will need to develop and agree a small number of credible UK Link failure scenarios and test the current Code provisions against each. This will provide, with a high level of confidence, confirmation (or otherwise) of the requirement.

Stage 2.

The Workgroup will need to develop a workable test to determine when to use the fastpath under a range of operational conditions. NB it is recognised that this cannot be "scientific", a pragmatic approach will be most useful.

Stage 3.

The Workgroup will need to decide upon the most appropriate means of providing a fastpath. This may be by modifying the current provisions or may require some additional drafting.

External Consultation

It is not currently envisaged that the Workgroup will need to consult with any third parties.

Draft Text

It is envisaged that TransCo will provide a draft of Code modifications for discussion by the Workgroup before it produces its Workgroup Report.

Modification Timetable

28th March	Panel Meeting
15th April	Convene Workgroup
25th April	Development Workgroup Report to Panel
10th May	Draft Modification Report Circulated
24th May	Closing Date for Representations
27th June(?)	Panel Consider Draft Report
5th July	TransCo circulate Final Modification Report
5th August	Director General gives Direction

This timetable may be shortened if the "Concertina" can be applied on 25th April.

Composition of Workgroup

Andrew Watson	(TransCo, Chairman)
Eddie Phelan	(TransCo)
Peter Rayson	(TransCo)
Paul Sankey	(TransCo)

Shipper members of UK Link Committee:
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