

MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Date: 6/3/96

Proposed implementation
Date: a.s.a.p.

Urgency: This Modification is required in the short term.

Justification: Under the present arrangements there is no true fastpath for changes to UK Link, which have the potential to impact Users, to be made. Currently any failure in the system requiring a fastpath change must be classified as a Class 3 change and treated in the same way as an Urgent Network Code Modification proposal.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED

Section, U Paragraphs 7.3.2, 8.2.4 (c) and 8.5

NATURE OF PROPOSAL

A fastpath for UK Link changes is needed to allow TransCo to take rapid action to restore the system in the event of a failure, or avoid an imminent failure, where circumstances and/or time constraints do not allow the provisions contained in 8.4.2 to be observed.

The proposal is as follows:

1. The fastpath would be used only when:
 - a) The agreed minimum service level as currently defined in the relevant parts of the UK Link Manual has failed in such a way that it prevents any User, or TransCo, accessing and/or using any of the functionality described in the Manual and action is necessary to restore it, or,
 - b) TransCo considers action is necessary to avoid an imminent and continuing failure in the currently agreed minimum service level, and,
 - c) Where in TransCos' opinion, taking into account the particular circumstances, any delay caused by virtue of adopting paragraph 8.4 would be inappropriate.
2. Where TransCo makes a change under the circumstances described above it will, as soon as reasonably practicable, make a report to all Users who are likely to be aware of the change. The report will set out:
 - i) the circumstances requiring action, and,
 - ii) the action taken.
3. TransCo will also send a copy of the report to members of the UK Link Committee and will place it on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee.

4. Where a UK Link User has reason to believe that TransCo has acted incorrectly in using this Fastpath process and the User has suffered material disadvantage as a direct result of TransCos action that User may lodge an application in writing with the Network Code Committee and the Committee will determine the appropriate course of action for that application.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL

Currently TransCo will need Ofgas approval before taking any fastpath action. There will be circumstances where restoring the system is of paramount importance and time will not permit the necessary processes to be followed. This is particularly true outside normal Ofgas office hours.

This proposal will better facilitate the efficient operation of the pipeline system by helping to minimise disruption in the UK Link service.

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