

**Review Group - Finalised Terms of Reference**  
**Proposal Ref: 0028 - Review of Section Q, Emergencies**

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**Scope of Review Group**

Section Q of the Network Code deals primarily with the mechanism and procedures which come into force during a national emergency which affects the integrity of the gas supply network. Guidance is provided as to the steps that will be taken by TransCo and the actions which are required of gas shippers. The means by which costs are ultimately reconciled and allocated are also prescribed.

Since the introduction of the Code in March 1996, the means by which an emergency is co-ordinated / controlled has been revised through the 1996 Gas Safety (Management) Regulations published by the Health and Safety Executive (H.S.E.). There is now a new role of Network Emergency Co-ordinator (N.E.C.), who will produce a Safety Case prescribing the actions required during an emergency. This is a separate document to the Safety Case of the Public Gas Transporter, which is primarily concerned with the implementation of procedures.

The Code must therefore be reviewed to incorporate this change and to review some definitions and procedures which require clarification from the original document.

**Work to be Undertaken**

The Review Group will consider and clarify / resolve the following issues:

- 1 Definition of what constitutes an emergency and clarification of National and Sub-National emergencies. Consideration will be given to the instigation of a "pre-emergency" state where some non-routine operations may alleviate the situation.
- 2 Differentiation of the role and actions of the N.E.C. and the Public Gas Transporter.
- 3 Clarification of the timing for instigation of "command / control" procedures and separation of supply side and demand side issues. Consideration will also be given to the practicality of a "command / control" measures at "pre-emergency" stage.
- 4 Consider the timing of suspension of different sections of the Code with respect to states of emergency.
- 5 Timing, nature and quality of information flow regarding availability and deliverability of gas to the system.
- 6 Additional arrangements required to enable access to gas in an emergency.
- 7 Reconciliation and allocation of costs resulting from an emergency to provide a balance between financial neutrality and encouragement to make gas available in an emergency or pre-emergency situation.
- 8 Timescale for re-instatement of the Code post emergency to ensure that the N.E.C is confident of system stability.
- 9 Overall cost minimisation.

#### Timescale

The N.E.C. safety case must be written and approved by the H.S.E by 31st October 1996. As such it is essential that the above items are resolved by early October in order to allow any such modifications required to the N.E.C. safety case in light of the section Q revision.

A monthly progress report will be produced for each Modifications Panel meeting, and the Review Group will produce the review Group Report for discussion at the Modifications Panel during October 1996.