



Urgent Modification Proposal 0231

Step Change Renomination Decision

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Present Position

Shippers are required to inform Transco what quantity of gas they are inputting into its pipeline system throughout the day. As shippers become aware of changes in their customers consumption, they can amend or 'renominate' the information they have given to Transco.

At the present time shippers can make renominations if they comply with Transco's network code. Renominations may be for changes to input or offtakes. However, after the Renomination Start Time (1800 D-1) such renominations must maintain the differential between input and output. Changes have been made to the Transco AT Link computer system which are not reflected in Transco's network code. These changes include rules which allow for step change renominations to be made during the course of the day.

Step change renominations allow shippers to enter multiple renominations and effective times to reflect expected variations in offtake at daily metered supply points and system entry points.

Proposal

The proposal will formalise step change renominations within the Network Code to reflect changes already made to AT Link. This will set out clear guidelines for the use of the step change renomination service which will make the system more efficient and improve communications between shippers and Transco. Step change renominations will not be allowed if they result in negative implied gas flow rate results for any hour of the day.

Possible Impact on Customers

There will be no direct impact. However, this will ensure greater transparency for shippers in the use of the step change renominations service and improved efficiency in the renominations process with better communication between shippers and Transco which will ultimately be of benefit to customers.

Ofgas' Decision

Ofgas has decided to implement Modification 0231 under the terms and conditions of the proposal above.

Further Information

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