

**Modification Proposal 0355**  
**‘Provision of Meter Reading History for Sites Newly Transferred’**

**Progress Report**

The above Modification Proposal was raised as Urgent by the Gas Light & Coke Company and received by Transco on 24 August 1999. The proposal was subsequently rejected by Ofgem as being inappropriate for Urgent Procedures. At its 16 December 1999 meeting, the Modification Panel referred the Proposal to the SPA/Metering Workstream for discussion.

The Proposal requests that an incoming User should be provided with meter read and asset history seven days prior to a prospective Supply Point transfer for the purposes of assisting User validation of AQs.

The principle of issuing meter read history has been discussed extensively by the SPA/Metering Workstream and by the Access to Data Sub-Group and Change Request UKL 4677 was raised to enable shippers and end consumers to be provided with meter read history via an IX link on transfer of supplier ownership. This was subsequently superseded by a proposal for information on meter reading and asset history to be provided via an Internet solution. A replacement Change Request (UKL 6730) was raised to record this requirement.

Given that implementation of this requirement represents a major enhancement of Transco’s ‘Data Access’ Internet facility, this has been incorporated within the planned ‘phase three’ of the Internet development project. A detailed requirement specification was developed by the ‘Access to Data’ sub-group. This includes the following features:

***Proposed Meter Reading History***

**Provision of meter reading/s-dependant on Meter Read Frequency:**

- Where a meter is datalogged, provide information (based on the daily datalogger read) for the previous year. Where the datalogger was not present for the whole year, provide whatever other reads there are to make up the year.
- Where a Supply Meter is monthly read, provide the meter read history for the previous two years, and include any estimated opening reads.
- Where a Supply Meter is non-monthly read (NDM) and the Supply Point AQ is greater than or equal to 73200kWh, provide meter reading information for the previous three years.
- Where a Supply Meter is ‘domestic’ (Supply Point AQ less than 73,000kWh) provide meter reading information back to the competition effective date or for the previous three years, whichever is less.

Include: whether last reading was an estimate, Last Inspection Date, Read Frequency, Reading Units/Imperial/Metric.

***Proposed Asset history***

PGT identity.  
Meter owner.  
Meter serial number.  
Status of meter.  
Address and meter location.  
Bypass fitted Y/N?  
Datalogger present?  
Whether asset is a prime or a sub-deduct meter.  
Meter manufacturer, mechanism, model.  
Year of manufacture.  
Number of dials.  
Corrector model/status/date fitted.  
Corrector Serial/manufacturer/year of manufacture.  
Datalogger model/status/date fitted.

Transco believes that given the recent issue of Ofgem's consultation paper "Improving Customer Transfers" it is prudent that the industry is provided with an opportunity to review the enhanced requirements related to the future development of Transco's Internet facility. Transco therefore plans to convene a workshop to address Internet/RFI issues to be held on 26 February at, Transco's offices, 23 Buckingham Gate, London.

Transco intends to ask shippers to indicate their preferred priorities concerning Internet enhancement/development.

Given that there are indications that shippers remain interested in the concept of meter read history being made available, Transco proposes that Modification Proposal 0355 remains temporarily 'on hold' until a clearer indication of shipper priorities is available.

Transco proposes that a progress update with respect to this matter is made to the Modification Panel in six months.