NETWORK CODE VALIDATION RULES SUB-COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership

Chair	Graham Ryott	
Ofgem	t.b.a.	
Shipper representatives	Tim Mold	YE GAS
	Cliff Ferrie	TOTAL
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	Robert Lee	Alliance
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	Scottish & Southern	t.b.a.
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Objectives

This Sub-Committee will;

1. Consider the need for any short term enhancement to Network Code Validation Rules (NCVR) Version 2.0, dated September 2000,
2. Review the appropriateness of the NCVR, with respect to temperature and pressure correction with reference to the needs of the liberalised DM regime following the separation of Gas Metering services.
3. Should the Sub-Committee conclude that NCVR should continue to be applied in this area, then to determine the appropriate validation criteria and values to apply in the liberalised regime.

Scope

Existing Validation Rules will be considered (in the light of the stated objectives) and appropriate recommendations made, covering the following areas.

- Determining the reliability of conversion systems
- Corrector tolerance check parameters
- Appropriateness of tolerance checks for daily validation
- Treatment of meters with low consumption
- The extent to which daily tolerance tests add value to the data user
- Requirements for National Fixed Factors and/or Site Specific factors
- Impact of Gas Thermal Energy Regulations
- Impact of separation of Gas Metering Services

Status

The Sub-Committee is established on a temporary basis, meeting until such time as longer term solutions to Validation mechanisms are recommended. The timing of any recommendations will take account of the existing published timescales relating to the separation of Gas Metering activities.

Reporting

The Sub-Committee will report on a monthly basis to the Network Code Committee meeting. A final report and recommendations regarding potential future NCVR will be required by no later than April 2001.

Procedures

The Sub-Committee will

- Review Network Code Validation Rules with respect to temperature and pressure correction.

- Note vote on any matter

- Abide by rules specific to the Network Code Committee

- A quorum shall be:
  * Chairman plus 4 shipper representatives, or,
  * If 7 or less shipper representatives are designated as committee members, Chairman plus 3 shipper representatives.

- Link its work and findings to the programme of works identified to advance the separation proposals and timetables indicated in Ofgems document (August 2000), “Review of Gas Metering Arrangements”.