To: all Users,
cc Ofgem.

27 September 2000

Dear Colleague,

Notice of Change to the Network Code Validation Rules

At the Network Code Committee on 21 September 2000 Transco consulted shipper representatives regarding a change to the Network Code Validation Rules (hereinafter referred to as 'the Validation Rules`). This followed two earlier industry meetings (4th and 11th September) at which it was agreed by all present that the temperature and pressure correction criteria in Version 1.0 of the Validation Rules should be amended.

At the industry meetings it was also proposed that the temperature and pressure correction criteria be amended to the values contained in the attached Version 2.0 of the Rules. It was further proposed that a second tier test be introduced as part of Version 2.0 catering for "low flow" installations. However, at the Modification Panel and Network Code Committee meetings on 21 September it was agreed that this proposal should be withdrawn owing to its technical nature, and referred to a Network Code Sub-Committee created specifically to consider the Validation Rules for the future.

The presently proposed Version 2.0 of the Validation Rules therefore now embodies the pressure and temperature correction criteria which have been in operation since March 1996. The additional second tier test proposed at the industry meetings has not been included.

Following the Network Code Committee meeting and in accordance with Section M.1.5.3 of Network Code Transco hereby gives notice, for the purposes of Section M.1.5.3, of its intention to amend Version 1.0 of the Validation Rules dated 1 March 1996 in the manner set out in Version 2.0 of the Validation Rules dated 27 September 2000 and attached hereto for ease of reference. Accordingly Version 2.0 of the Validation rules shall apply and have effect for the purposes of Network Code with effect from 3 January 2001.

For information, the only change is in the amended Table 3 (Corrector Tolerance Limits) on page 9 of the attached document. Also, notes and associated papers from the industry meetings referred to above were circulated on 26 September 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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