TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0434

"MISEC - Defer Auction date by 2 weeks whilst maintaining effective date"
Version 3.0

Date: 23/10/2000

Proposed Implementation Date:

Urgency: Urgent

Justification

The RGTA system for Monthly Interruptible System Entry Capacity (MISEC) is undergoing testing with the intent of delivering full functionality to support an effective implementation date of 1 December 2000. Auctions for MISEC are scheduled to commence on 7 November. Transco has stressed that the delivery timetable for these systems is extremely tight. In the light of the problems experienced in July with the RGTA capacity system Transco would be reluctant to implement the new system unless it was satisfied that regression and user acceptance testing indicates a high probability of robust implementation. Transco will notify the community of progress of the MISEC testing programme by 30 October 2000. If, in the opinion of Transco, progress of the test programme is not satisfactory the industry will wish to consider the appropriate course of action to be taken prior to the 7 November. Therefore a decision is required urgently to ensure a deferral of the implementation can be achieved, should this be required, prior to the currently agreed auction commencement date.

Nature of Proposal

It is proposed that the MISEC auction date be delayed for two weeks whilst retaining the effective start date of the service. Currently the auctions are due to be completed by the 10 November 2000 with an effective date of 1 December 2000. The proposed deferral dates for the auction are 21 and 24 November 2000.

Purpose of Proposal

A two week deferral of the auction date would provide additional time for the completion of the test plan without impacting the effective start date of the service.

Consequence of not making this change

Transco will not implement the new MISEC systems unless it is satisfied that testing indicates a high probability of robust implementation. Under the current Network Code obligations Transco is required to deliver a MISEC service by the 7 November. Should the MISEC systems not be ready by this date alternative manual contingency arrangements will be necessary to deliver the service in line with Network Code requirements. Transco believes that manual auctions may be time consuming for shippers and Transco and be open to the risk of error.

Area of Network Code Concerned

TRANSITIONAL DOCUMENT PART II

Amend text in paragraph 8.1 to read as follows:

B2.6 In respect of the Gas Year 2000/2001

(2) the reference in Section B2.6.2(a) to 15 August in the Preceding Year shall be deemed to be a reference to ~~7~~ [21] November 2000.

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