Draft Modification Report
Change Renomination Start Time
Modification Reference Number 0438

Version 2.0

This Draft Modification Report is made pursuant to Rule 7.3 of the Modification Rules and follows the format required under Rule 8.9.3.

1. The Modification Proposal

To change the Renomination Start Time from 18:00 hours on D-1 to 17:30 hours on D-1.

2. Transco's Opinion

Transco recognises that the scheduling processes can now be completed within a shorter timescale to that currently set out within the Network Code and on the basis that bringing forward the renomination start time could afford greater flexibility to Shippers, Transco would be prepared to support the proposal.

3. Extent to which the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives

The proposer argues that an earlier renomination start time "would result in a more efficient use of resources across the whole shipper community" as Shippers would have the opportunity to amend their gas flow positions at the earliest possible opportunity. This could also facilitate competition between Shippers as more time would be available to resolve any remaining balancing issues.

4. The implications for Transco of implementing the Modification Proposal , including

a) implications for the operation of the System:

Transco would be required to complete scheduling by 17:30 hours on D-1.

b) development and capital cost and operating cost implications:

Any development, capital and operating costs associated with this proposal are anticipated to be minimal as the system change is limited to an AT-Link parameter value.

c) extent to which it is appropriate for Transco to recover the costs, and proposal for the most appropriate way for Transco to recover the costs:

The system costs would be recovered from the budget for system development. No changes to operating costs are anticipated.

d) analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation:

Costs of system development would be met from allowed revenues for such purposes.

5. The consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal on the level of contractual risk to Transco under the Network Code as modified by the Modification Proposal

It is not anticipated that there will be a change to the level of contractual risk to Transco as a consequence of this proposal.

6. The development implications and other implications for computer systems of Transco and related computer systems of Users

Implementation of this proposal would require a change to a parameter in Transco's AT-Link system. Transco is unaware of any impact this proposal would have on the computer systems of Users.

7. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Users

Users would be able to make renominations to their gas flows from 17:30 hours on D-1.

8. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Terminal Operators,Consumers, Connected System Operators, Suppliers, producers and, any Non-Network Code Party

It is not anticipated that there would be any implications on the above parties.

9. Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of Transco and each User and Non-Network Code Party of implementing the Modification Proposal

No consequences on the legislative and regulatory and contractual relationships of Transco and each User and Non-Network Code Party are anticipated as a result of the implementation of this proposal.

10. Analysis of any advantages or disadvantages of implementation of the Modification Proposal

Advantages :
The change to the renomination start time would allow Shippers to take advantage of Transco's improved gas systems and procedures which allow scheduling to be completed by 17:30 hours.

Transco would gain information on gas flow renominations at an earlier stage which may assist in the operation of the system.

Disadvantages :
Implementation of the proposal could potentially require amendments to the nomination processes and computer systems of Users.

11. Summary of the Representations (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in the Modification Report)

This draft Modification Report is to be circulated for representations.

12. The extent to which the implementation is required to enable Transco to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation

Implementation is not required to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation.

13. The extent to which the implementation is required having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 3(5) or the statement furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 3(1) of the Licence

Implementation is not required having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 3(5) of the statement; furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 3(1) of the Licence.

14. Programme of works required as a consequence of implementing the ModificationProposal

Implementation of this proposal would require a minor change to a parameter within the AT-Link system.

15. Proposed implementation timetable (including timetable for any necessary information systems changes)

The Modification proposes an effective date of 1 December 2000 for the proposal. Transco believes that a later date may be appropriate although this need not be restricted to the first day of a month.

16. Recommendation concerning the implementation of the Modification Proposal

Transco recommends that this proposal is implemented.

17. Text

Legal text is being prepared and will be included in the final report.

Representations are now sought in respect of this Draft Report and prior to Transco finalising the Report

Signed for and on behalf of Transco.

Signature:

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Date: