NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No: 0438

"Change Renomination Start Time"
Version 1.0

Date: 13 November 2000

Proposed Implementation Date: 01 December 2000

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

The current Renomination Start Time for gas flows on a day (D) is 18:00 on the preceding day (D-1). Since revised demand attribution is normally published at around 16:30 there is a period of around 90 minutes where no changes can be made to a shipper's nominated position for the following day.

The reason for this dead period is to allow time for Transco to schedule system inputs and outputs and also to schedule NBP trades; the latter is a batch computing process which needs to be complete before further trades etc. are entered in AT-Link.

After 18:00 shippers can start to enter trades completed during the latter part of the daily trading period, and to rebalance their AT-Link portfolio to take account of these trades and of demand and input changes.

We understand that Transco have now refined their procedures and processes such that they can reliably complete their scheduling by 17:30 and allow shippers to renominate from that time.

This earlier time would result in more efficient use of resources across the whole shipper community, by reducing the dead period significantly, and by helping shippers to resolve any remaining balancing issues as early as possible.

In turn, this could help Transco to assess in good time their required operating configurations for the following gas day, particularly at times of high demand when they may also be having to assess the possibility of required interruption.

Nature of Proposal

To change the Renomination Start Time to 17:30, D-1.

Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to amend the Renomination Start Time in order that shippers are able to make renominations earlier on D-1.

Consequence of not making this change

Shippers will continue to be prevented from making renominations to their gas flows until 18:00, D-1 and will not be able to take advantage of improvements in Transco systems.

Similarly, Transco will not see any advantages in terms of earlier availability of gas flow renominations which may improve physical operation of the system.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section C 1.2 Nomination Timetable

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