

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0453
"Revision to NTS Entry Capacity Auction timetable 2001"
Version 1.0

Date: 22nd January 2001

Proposed Implementation Date: by 29th January 2001

Urgency: Urgent

Justification:

Transco were due to release MSEC and MISEC quantities by 19th January 2001. Such a short timescale between the release of the data and the auction start date was exceptional, and the Code provides that future auction periods would have substantially longer notification periods. In spite of the compressed timescales, Transco have failed to provide the industry with one of the key factors to allow Shippers (Transco's customers) to consider their position prior to the auctions.

Nature of Proposal:

The NTS Entry Capacity Auctions for capacity made available from April 2001, should have the start date deferred from Tuesday 30th January 2001 to not earlier than Tuesday 13th February 2001. There will be a knock on delay to the MISEC auctions. Such a delay will allow the community to have sufficient time to fully consider the capacity availability Transco will release and have clarified outstanding Modification proposals. In addition, Transco should bring forward its industry presentation of summer maintenance to prior to the start of the auctions. Transco's explanations are particularly required given concern within the community over the functioning of the capacity regime.

Purpose of Proposal:

To give the industry adequate time from the release of the capacity information and clarification of other Modification proposals prior to the start of the auction process.

Furthering relevant objectives:

Inadequate opportunity for the industry to review Transco's release of entry capacity quantities may result in reduced efficiency of, and distrust in, the auction process.

Consequences of not making this change:

The entry capacity auctions continue as defined within the Network Code and as may be amended by Modifications 444 and 445. Such a short timescale between the release of capacity availability and the start of the auction process would be viewed by many of Transco's customers as less than optimal.

Area of Network Code concerned:

Section B

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