

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0515

"Removal of the obligation of Transco to provide Estimated Opening Reads"

Version 1.0

Date: 17/12/2001

Proposed Implementation Date:

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

The current process described within Network Code requires Transco to generate an estimated Opening meter reading where the incoming shipper has not supplied such within the required timescale. This has led to a large number of customer transfers being based upon a consumption estimate that bears little or no relationship to the physical meter reading

Nature of Proposal

That Transco no longer have any obligation to generate an estimate opening meter reading(s) following a supply point transfer. This responsibility will clearly remain with the confirming shipper. The confirming shipper will either obtain an actual meter reading or will agree with the incumbent shipper a reading to be adopted for the transfer which may be an actual or estimated reading.

Transco will retain the obligation to receive and hold these readings from either the confirming or the incumbent shipper. Transco will also be obliged to release this reading to either the incumbent or the confirming shipper.

Purpose of Proposal

To facilitate the transfer of a supply point from one shipper/supplier to another utilising a meter reading which is reasonably accurate and acceptable to both shippers/suppliers. This measure will both re-enforce the obligation upon the incoming shipper, and the respective supplier, to obtain a meter reading and facilitate the acquisition of the reading.

Consequence of not making this change

Customer transfers will continue to be based upon inaccurate estimates of meter readings. Transco will continue to generate estimate readings which are neither accurate or useful to the transfer process.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section M para 3.8.5 & 3.8.10

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