Draft Modification Report
Primary and Sub-deduct meters and 'Unique' sites - Transitional Metering Arrangements post RGMA
Modification Reference Number 0678

Version 1.0

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

Modification of the Network Code is required to retain relevant provisions with respect to Transco providing, installing and maintaining Supply Meters within the Network Code on a transitional basis. Within scope of these are Transco owned Supply Meters installed within a Sub-deduct Arrangement and those installed at Supply Points which are subjected to procedures maintained by Transco and commonly termed 'Unique Sites'.

Such provisions would be no longer be effective following the expiry of an eight month period following the Review of Gas Metering Arrangements (RGMA) 'cutover' date.

2. Transco's Opinion

This Modification Proposal is one of a suite of, and is complimentary to, seven relating to the Review of Gas Metering Arrangements (RGMA) programme and numbered 0672 - 0678.

It is Transco's opinion that this Modification Proposal should be implemented.

At a meeting of the Industry Metering Separation Implementation Forum (IMSIF) held on 30 September 2002, it was identified that the contractual arrangements for Transco owned Supply Meters installed within a Primary and Sub-deduct (P&S) network were "out of scope" for the purposes of RGMA 'cutover'. At a further IMSIF meeting held on 28 April 2003, it was identified that similar arrangements for Transco owned Supply Meters installed at Supply Points identified by Transco as being subject to 'Unique Sites' procedures should also be "out of scope" for RGMA 'cutover'.

To facilitate the IMSIF decisions, it is necessary to modify the Network Code to ensure relevant provisions are transitionally retained. This would permit the industry to identify and consider robust non-Network Code contractual arrangements which could be implemented following a period of time after RGMA 'cutover'.

Transco's contractual obligations for providing, installing and maintaining Supply Meters are currently contained within Principal Document Section M2.2 'Provision by Transco'. It is proposed that these would be removed from the Network Code at RGMA 'cutover' by separate Modification (reference no 0672).

This Modification Proposal is therefore required to ensure transitional retention of the above provisions with respect to Primary and Sub-deduct meters and 'Unique Sites'.

The Meter Asset/Work Unbundling sub-group of the Supply Point & Billing Workstream has identified the above requirements.

The transitional 'end date' identified within this Modification Proposal has been the subject of contention during recent discussions within the Supply Point & Billing Workstream, with the main focus of concern being where a Supply Meter is installed on a Sub-deduct network. The majority of Users in attendance have expressed a strong opinion that the proposed eight month transitional timescale represents insufficient time for the industry to identify and develop a suitable replacement contractual regime which would need to be accompanied by appropriate processes and procedures. Users in particular cite the following concerns:

- The need to identify a robust means of identifying the configuration of a primary/sub-deduct arrangement and the interrelationship of meters installed on such a network such that Users are aware of relevant information prior to requesting works to be undertaken.

- The need for measures to be established to ensure that the integrity of the Sub-deduct network is safely maintained while meter works are undertaken.

Transco is sympathetic to shippers concerns regarding the need for safe and sustainable measures to be identified as a pre-requisite to expiry of the relevant transitional provisions. Transco does not, however, share the view of Users that an eight month transitional period represents insufficient time to establish these.

Transco believes that the period within which the Network Code transitional period applies must be reasonable and sufficient to identify and resolve issues. Transco's view is that the measures required to facilitate 'unbundling' of metering arrangements at P&S networks are not unduly onerous and may be readily implemented. Transco acknowledges, however, that there should be a period of industry debate to ensure that relevant processes and procedures are developed and understood. It is equally important to ensure that Transco's GT Licence obligations for providing, installing and maintaining Supply Meters are properly discharged within the relevant new metering contract.

It is Transco's view that any unreasonable transitional period (i.e. a period exceeding eight months in duration) would not faciliate its GT Licence 'Relevant Objective' of securing effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers. Transco believes that any excessive extension of the existing P&S 'bundled' metering contractual regime would potentially place it in breach of its GT Licence obligations as established in Amended Standard Condition 9.

Transco is also concerned that an unduly lengthy transitional period would not be consistent with its GT Licence obligations reflected within Amended Standard Condition 4D 'Conduct of Transportation Business'.

Transco believes that the transitional timescales identified within this Modification Report are sustainable but in the unlikely event of difficulty being experienced in establishing a post RGMA regime, it would be

prepared to seek an extension to the transitional provisions by proposing further Modification of the Network Code. This would have the advantage of requiring separate consultation in light of greater operational experience of the RGMA regime. In addition, Transco intends to convene an appropriate sub-group of the Supply Point & Billing Workstream shortly following RGMA 'cutover' to initiate relevant industry discussion to prepare for expiry of the transitional Network Code provisions.

If this Modification Proposal is not implemented, the Network Code would not reflect Transco's obligations to provide, install and maintain Supply Meters installed within a Sub-deduct Arrangement and at Supply Points subjected to Transco's 'Unique Sites' procedures in the period following RGMA 'cutover'.

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

The purpose of this Modification Proposal is to ensure that the contractual integrity of the RGMA regime is maintained with respect to Transco owned meters installed within Primary & Sub-deduct networks and at 'Unique Sites' during RGMA 'cutover'. The measures described within this Proposal do not conflict with Transco's GT Licence Relevant Objective of securing effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers.

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

a) implications for the operation of the System:

No implications for the operation of the system have been identified.

b) development and capital cost and operating cost implications:

Transco would incur significant costs in amending its UK-Link system.

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:

Transco does not propose any additional cost recovery.

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

No such consequences have been identified.

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

Implementation of this Modification Proposal would not increase the level of Transco's contractual risk. However it should be noted that prior to expiry of the transitional provisions, it is essential that a replacement regime be developed and incorporated within the relevant new metering contract/s.

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

Transco would be required to be make changes to its UK Link system to facilitate implementation of this Modification Proposal. These are associated with retaining 'legacy' functionality for the relevant transitional period. Transco is unaware of the impact on Users' systems, but anticipates that functionality which may otherwise be redundant would need to be retained.

7. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Users

Users would need to retain relevant processes and procedures particularly where interaction with Transco is required.

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

No such implications have been identified.

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

The measures identified within this Modification Proposal do not impede in any way the ability for third party owned meters to be installed and maintained within a sub-deduct arrangement or at a 'Unique site'.

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

Advantages:

- Enables industry focus to be maintained on the vast majority of 'freestanding' meters for the purposes of timely delivery of RGMA 'cutover'.

Disadvantages:

- Requires transitional retention of systems functionality, processes and procedures which would otherwise be rendered redundant following RGMA 'cutover'.
- Would require post 'cutover' negotiations to be initiated to ensure non-Network Code regime is identified prior to expiry of transitional provisions.

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

Representations are now sought.

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 such compliance.

13. The extent to which the implementation is required having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 4(5) or the statement furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 4(1) of the Licence

This Modification Proposal is not required to facilitate any such change.

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

Transco would be required to be make changes to its UK Link system to facilitate implementation of this Modification Proposal.

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

This Modification Proposal should be implemented effective from 12 July 2004, being the RGMA 'cutover' date.

16. Recommendation concerning the implementation of the Modification Proposal

Transco recommends that this Modification Proposal be implemented.

17. Text

8.4 TRANSITION DOCUMENT II

Insert 8.4.20 to read:

(1) Notwithstanding Section G, paragraphs 7.1.1(b)(iii) and (c)(i) and (ii) (which specifically does not include work relating to the Supply Meter Installation) until March 12th, 2005 but not thereafter, for the purposes of Section G7, "**Siteworks**" includes works undertaken by Transco:

(a) at the request of a Registered User or other person for the purposes of installing, modifying, removing or replacing a Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation at a Supply Meter Point;

(b) at the request of the Registered User for the purposes of ceasing or enabling the flow of gas at a Sub-deduct Supply Meter Point in which a relevant meter (as defined by Section G, paragraph 1.8.1(e)(i)) is comprised;

(c) at the request of a Registered User or other person in connection with the System for the purposes of installing, modifying, removing, or replacing a Supply Meter Installation at a Special Metering Supply Point;

(d) at the request of the Registered User for the purposes of ceasing or enabling the flow of gas at a Special Metering Supply Point;

"**Special Metering Supply Point**" is any Supply Point:

(a) comprising an existing Supply Meter Point in respect of which a Supply Meter Installation was provided and installed by Transco before July 12th, 2004 and

(b) which is or comprises:

(i) a Shared Supply Meter Point;

(ii) a Special Offtake Arrangement;

(iii) an LDZ Specified Exit Point;

(iv) a Notional NTS Connection Point;

(v) telemetered equipment was installed before the 12th July 2004.

at a Supply Meter in accordance with M4.9.1; or

(c) which Transco and the User at such Supply Point have agreed shall be an Special Metering Supply Point.

(2) Transco shall not be obliged to undertake work requested in accordance with:

(a) paragraphs (1)(a) or (1)(b), unless by no later than the date of such request the Registered User has notified Transco that it has obtained from those Users at the dependant meters (as defined by Section G, paragraph 1.8.1(e)(ii)) their agreement to undertake such work;

(b) paragraphs (1)(c) or (1)(d), unless by no later than the date of such request the Registered User has notified Transco that it has obtained from those Users at a Shared Supply Meter Point their agreement to undertake such work.

Insert 8.10.4 to read:

"8.10.4 Where Transco has provided before July 12th, 2004 the Supply Meter Installation or any part of it and which is at July 12th, 2004 comprised within a

(a) a Special Metering Supply Point (a " **Special Metering Supply Meter Installation**") or

(b) a Sub-deduct Arrangement ("**Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation**") then until March 12th, 2005 but not thereafter, the following provisions will continue to apply:

(1) Except as Transco may otherwise agree in an Ancillary Agreement with the Registered User:

(a) subject to sub paragraph (1)(c) and (d) and to paragraphs (3) and (4), Transco will be responsible for securing (on behalf of the Registered User) the provision, installation (in accordance with Section M, paragraph 2.1.2), maintenance, repair, exchange and replacement of the Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation or relevant part of it provided by Transco within a reasonable time after a request to do so and subject to payment of appropriate charges in accordance with the Metering Charges Statement;

(b) the Registered User shall secure that there are made available (without charge to Transco) at the Supply Point Premises:

(i) a suitable site (at a location complying with Section M, paragraph 2.1.3) at the Supply Point Premises, and suitable support, protection and security, for the Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation;

(ii) supplies of power, water and drainage as appropriate for the Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation;

(iii) such access, at all reasonable times and in any event between 08:00 and 17:00 hours on any Business Day, to the Supply Point Premises as shall be required to enable Transco to carry out all Meter Installation Works required pursuant to sub paragraph (1)(a);

(c) the Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to secure that the Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation is not damaged or otherwise mistreated;

(d) ownership of the Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation shall remain with Transco (or any person to whom Transco may transfer ownership); and the Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to secure that any notice to that effect affixed thereto by Transco shall not be removed or defaced.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) requires Transco:

(a) to replace any part of a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation other than where such replacement is necessary as a result of the failure (including by reason of damage, normal wear or tear or defective design or manufacture thereof;

(b) to carry out any Meter Installation Works other than for the purposes of maintaining or repairing or (where required under sub paragraph (2)(a)) replacing a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation or part thereof provided by Transco;

(c) except in the case of routine maintenance, to carry out any Meter Installation Works until reasonable notice has been given to Transco of the requirement for such works.

(3) Meter Installation Works carried out by Transco for the purposes of maintaining repairing or (where required having regard to sub paragraph (2)(a)) replacing any part of a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation to which this 8.10.4 applies will not be Siteworks for the purposes of Transition Document II Section 8.4.20.

(4) Any Meter Installation Works which any person may request Transco to carry out in respect of a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation other than as required under sub paragraph (1), including the provision of a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation at a Supply Meter Point where by reason of a change in the nature or extent of the consumer's requirements for the supply of gas the existing Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation no longer complies with the requirements of Section M, paragraph 2.1.2 and 2.1.3, will be Siteworks subject to and in accordance with Transition Document II Section 8.4.20.

(5) Nothing in this Section 8.10.4 prevents Transco from providing at the request of the consumer or supplier a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation which conforms to higher standards than are (or provides any function in addition to what is) required pursuant to Section M, paragraph 2.1.2, provided that (unless the Registered User has otherwise agreed) the amount of the relevant charge payable by the Registered User will not thereby be increased.

(6) Where as a result of any failure or defect in any Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation provided by Transco gas cannot be offtaken from the System at the relevant Supply Meter Point and except where Section J4.4.5 (b) applies, Transco will not be in breach (by reason thereof) of its obligation to make gas available for offtake from the System until:

(a) written notice of such failure, defect or requirement has been given to Transco, and

(b) the expiry after such notice of a reasonable period for Transco to carry out the required Meter Installation Works.

(7) For the purposes of this Section M "**Meter Installation Work**s" means the installation testing, maintenance, repair, exchange or replacement of a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation or any part thereof.

(8) Any Code Communication in respect of any activities performed in relation to a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation shall only be made by Conventional Notice.

(9) Where as a result of any Meter Installation Works undertaken by Transco in relation to Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub deduct Supply Meter Installation, the relevant Meter Information recorded in the Supply Point Register ceases to be accurate, Transco will after completing such Meter Installation Works:

(a) amend the Supply Point Register so as to record the change in relevant Meter Information required as a result of such works; and

(b) provide to the Registered User(s) details of the amendment made pursuant to the above.

Insert 8.10.5 to read:

For the purposes of Section M5, until March 12th, 2005 but not thereafter, where:

(a) Transco was unable to provide a Valid Meter Reading solely by reason of failure or unavailability of the Supply Meter Installation which is a Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or a Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation then the Performance Relevant Supply Meter comprised in such Special Metering Supply Meter Installation or Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation will be treated as one in relation to which Transco did not provide a Valid Meter Reading;

(b) Transco finds that there is a failure or unavailability of a Supply Meter Installation which is a Special Meter Supply Meter Installation or a Sub-deduct Supply Meter Installation and this is the cause of the Daily Read Equipment not functioning correctly then the provisions of Section M5.1.3 (c) will not apply and Transco will perform the activities in paragraphs 5.1.3(c)(i) and (ii) and 5.1.3(d).

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:

Chris Train
Director

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Date:

Appendix

Business Rules (10) – Primary & Sub-deduct metering arrangements

The following business rules provide a brief summary of the proposed Network Code provisions for Primary & Sub-deduct metering arrangements for a predetermined period following Transco metering separation. Further to a review of the existing rules for meter asset unbundling the impacts are as follows:

IMPACTS: CREATION OF SPECIFIC, TRANSISTIONAL NETWORK CODE DRAFTING FOR A PRE-DETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME FOR TRANSCO TO CONTINUE TO MANAGE PRIME & SUB-DEDUCT METERING ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING TRANSCO METERING SEPARATION.

REASON: Due to the complications involved in managing the metering arrangements for Prime & Sub-deduct configurations it has been agreed by the industry that for a pre-determined period following metering separation the metering arrangements for meters owned by Transco continue to be managed by the Network Code. Following expiry of these provisions, Transco's GT obligations will be discharged via new metering contracts with suppliers.

DEPENDENCIES: None

1. The following transitional provisions apply where Transco provides or has provided a relevant meter installed within a Sub-deduct arrangement. ***(M2.2.1 - Amend to detail that Transco will only maintain provision of Supply Meter Installations for Sub-deduct Supply Meters).***

2. Where paragraph 2.2 applies, except as Transco may otherwise agree in an Ancillary Agreement with the Registered User:

(a) subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) and to paragraph 4, Transco will be responsible for securing (on behalf of the Registered User), the provision, installation in accordance with the Business Rule 12 – paragraph 2, maintenance, repair, exchange and replacement of the Supply Meter Installation or relevant part of it provided by Transco within a reasonable time after a request to do so and subject to payment of appropriate charges in accordance with the Metering Charging Statement. ***(M2.2.2 (a) – amend to remove reference to M2.5.1- (prepayment meters)).***

(b) Not used ***(M2.2.2(b) – removed)***

(c) The Registered User shall secure that the following are made available at the Supply Point Premises:

- A suitable site (complying with the requirements in Business Rule 12, paragraph 3).
- Supplies of power, water, drainage as appropriate for the Supply Meter Installation. ***(M2.2.2(c(i)& (ii) – Unchanged)).***
- Reasonable access at times between 08:00 and 17:00 hours in any Business Day to the Supply Point Premises as required to enable Transco to carry out all Meter Installation Works. ***(M2.2.2c(iii)- Unchanged)***

(d) The Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to secure that the Supply Meter Installation is not damaged or otherwise mistreated.

(e) Ownership of the Supply Meter Installation shall remain with Transco (and any person to whom Transco may transfer ownership); and the Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to secure that any notice to that effect affixed thereto by Transco shall not be removed or defaced. ***(M2.2.2 (d)&(e) – unchanged).***

3. Nothing in Section 2 requires Transco to:

- Replace any part of a Supply Meter Installation other than where this is for replacement for failure, damage and wear and tear and defective design or manufacture.
- To carry out Meter Installation Works other than for the purpose of maintaining or repairing or replacing the Supply Meter installation or part thereof.
- Except in the case of routine maintenance to carry out Meter Installation Works until reasonable notice has been given to Transco for the works. *(**Network Code Reference M2.2.3 (i), (ii) and (iii) – unchanged).***

4. Meter Installation Works carried out by Transco for the purposes of maintaining, repairing or replacing any part of the Supply Meter Installation to which this section applies will not be considered as Siteworks as defined in section G 'Supply Points' in the Network Code. *(**Network Code Reference M2.2.4 – unchanged).***

5. Any Meter Installation Works which a person may request Transco to carry out other than as defined within section 2 including:

- The provision of a Supply Meter Installation at a Supply Meter Point where Transco was not previously providing this or at a New Supply Meter Point.
- The provision of a New Supply Meter Point where by reason of a change in the nature of the customers requirements for supplying gas the existing Supply Meter Installation no longer complies with (See Business rule 12 – paragraph 2 and 3).

Will be Siteworks subject to the conditions in Section G – Supply Points. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.5 (i) & (ii) – unchanged).***

6. Nothing in the Section M – Supply Point Metering, prevents Transco from providing at the request of a consumer or supplier a Supply Meter Installation which conforms to higher standards as required in accordance with Business Rule 12 (paragraph 2) provided that the amount of the Customer Charge payable by the Registered User will not be increased. *(**Network Code Reference M2.2.6 – Unchanged).***

7. Where as a result of any failure or defect in the Supply Meter Installation gas cannot be offtaken from the System at the relevant Supply Meter Point (except where Section J4.4.5(b) applies (NeXa obligations)), Transco will not be in breach of its obligations to make gas available for offtake from the System until such time as the User has informed Transco that the fault has been rectified. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.7 – unchanged).***

8. In respect of a Sub-deduct arrangement Siteworks shall mean:

- Modifying or replacing the Supply Meter Installation (at an existing Supply Meter Point) and/or any part of the system located on the Supply Point Premises.

    i. At the request of the Registered User undertaking work to cease the flow of gas where agreement has been sought with those Users at the dependant meters to undertake such work at the relevant meter.

ii. At the request of the Registered User undertaking work to enable the flow of gas at a Supply Meter Point where agreement has been sought with those Users at the dependant meters to undertake such work at the relevant meter. ***(Network Code Reference G7.1.1(b) – amended to detail what work could be undertaken as Siteworks specific to Primary & Sub-deduct Supply Meter Points).***

9. For construction and/or installation by Transco of the Supply Meter Installation and or service pipe or any part thereof or;

For the purposes of making a connection to the System of any new Supply Meter Installation and or service pipe constructed or installed by any person.**(Network Code Reference G7.1.1 (c) (i) & (ii)) for Primes and Sub deduct meters reference to Siteworks for works on Supply Meter Installation remains).**

10. Where as a result of any Meter Installation Works undertaken by Transco in relation to a Sub-deduct arrangement, the relevant Meter Information recorded in the Supply Point Register ceases to be accurate, Transco will after completing such works:

- Amend the Supply Point Register so as to record the change in relevant Meter Information required as a result of such works and:
- Provide to the Registered User details of the amendment made pursuant to the above. ***(New provision).***

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Business Rules (14) – Unique Sites

The following business rules provide a brief summary of the proposed Network Code provisions for applicable Supply Meters (commonly known as 'Unique Sites'). These are those Supply Meters deemed as having applicable requirements such that the metering arrangements (excluding new Siteworks) are exempt from RGMA Metering Separation for a transitional period.

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REASON: Due to the complications involved in managing the metering arrangements for certain applicable Supply Meters it has been agreed by the industry that for a pre-determined period following RGMA metering separation, the metering arrangements (excluding new Siteworks) for those meters (owned by Transco) continue to be subjected to Network Code provisions. Following expiry of these, Transco's GT obligations will be discharged via new metering contracts with suppliers. New Siteworks has been excluded, as it is not identified that a new site is an applicable supply meter until registration.

DEPENDENCIES: None

1. Applicable Supply Meters are those Daily Metered Supply Meters that consume in excess of 58.6 million (KWh) for which Transco has determined it necessary as having applicable requirements. Such Supply Meters are those which are either;

- Single User NTS & LDZ Supply Points having a Transco owned meter;

or

- Shared Supply Meter Points having a Transco owned meter.

2. The following transitional provisions apply where Transco provides or has provided an **Applicable Supply Meter**. ***(M2.2.1 – New provision to detail that Transco will retain its Network Code obligations for provision, installation and maintenance of Supply Meter Installations for Transco owned Unique Supply Meters).***

3. Where paragraph 2.2 applies, except as Transco may otherwise agree in an Ancillary Agreement with the Registered User:

(a) subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) and to paragraph 4, Transco will be responsible for securing (on behalf of the Registered User), the provision, installation in accordance with the Business Rule 12 – paragraph 2, maintenance, repair, exchange and replacement of the Supply Meter Installation or relevant part of it provided by Transco within a reasonable time after a request to do so and subject to payment of appropriate charges in accordance with the Metering Charging Statement. ***(M2.2.2 (a) – amend to remove reference to M2.5.1- (prepayment meters)).***

(b) The Registered User shall secure that the following are made available at the Supply Point Premises:

- A suitable site (complying with the requirements in Business Rule 12, paragraph 3).
- Supplies of power, water, drainage as appropriate for the Supply Meter Installation. ***(M2.2.2(c(i)& (ii) – Unchanged).***
- Reasonable access at times between 08:00 and 17:00 hours in any Business Day to the Supply Point Premises as required to enable Transco to carry out all Meter Installation Works. ***(M2.2.2c(iii)- Unchanged)***

(c) The Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to secure that the Supply Meter Installation is not damaged or otherwise mistreated.

(d) Ownership of the Supply Meter Installation shall remain with Transco (and any person to whom Transco may transfer ownership); and the Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to secure that any notice to that effect affixed thereto by Transco shall not be removed or defaced. ***(M2.2.2 (d)&(e) – unchanged).***

4. Nothing in Section 2 requires Transco to:

- Replace any part of a Supply Meter Installation other than where this is for replacement for failure, damage and wear and tear.
- To carry out Meter Installation Works other than for the purpose of maintaining or repairing or replacing the Supply Meter installation or part thereof.
- Except in the case of routine maintenance to carry out Meter Installation Works until reasonable notice has been given to Transco for the works. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.3 (i), (ii) and (iii) – unchanged).***

5. Meter Installation Works carried out by Transco for the purposes of maintaining, repairing or replacing any part of the Supply Meter Installation to which this section applies will not be considered as Siteworks as defined in section G 'Supply Points' in the Network Code. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.4 – unchanged).***

6. Any Meter Installation Works which a person may request Transco to carry out other than as defined within section 2 including:

- The provision of a New Supply Meter Point where by reason of a change in the nature of the customers requirements for supplying gas the existing Supply Meter Installation no longer complies with (See Business rule 12 – paragraph 2 and 3).

Will be Siteworks subject to the conditions in Section G – Supply Points. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.5 (i) & (ii) – unchanged).***

7. Nothing in the Section M – Supply Point Metering, prevents Transco from providing at the request of a consumer or supplier a Supply Meter Installation which conforms to higher standards as required in accordance with Business Rule 12 (paragraph 2) provided that the amount of the Customer Charge payable by the Registered User will not be increased. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.6 – Unchanged).***

8. Where as a result of any failure or defect in the Supply Meter Installation gas cannot be offtaken from the System at the relevant Supply Meter Point (except where Section J4.4.5(b) applies (NeXa obligations)), Transco will not be in breach of its obligations to make gas available for offtake from the System until such time as the User has informed Transco that the fault has been rectified. ***(Network Code Reference M2.2.7 – unchanged).***

9. In respect of an **Applicable Supply Meter** Siteworks shall mean:

- Modifying or replacing the Supply Meter Installation (at an existing Supply Meter Point) and/or any part of the system located on the Supply Point Premises.

    i. At the request of the Registered User undertaking work to cease the flow of gas.

    ii. At the request of the Registered User undertaking work to enable the flow of gas.

Where the Applicable Meter is a Shared Supply Meter Point (in accordance with G1.7) the Registered User requesting works should ensure that agreement has been sought with those other Users at the SSMP prior to requesting such works. ***(Network Code Reference G7.1.1(b) – amended to detail what work could be undertaken as Siteworks specific to Applicable Supply Meters).***

10. Where as a result of any Meter Installation Works undertaken by Transco in relation to an **Applicable Supply Meter**, the relevant Meter Information recorded in the Supply Point Register ceases to be accurate, Transco will after completing such works:

- Amend the Supply Point Register so as to record the change in relevant Meter Information required as a result of such works and:

- Provide to the Registered User(s) details of the amendment made pursuant to the above. ***(New provision).***