TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0678

"Primary and Sub-deduct meters and 'Unique' sites - Transitional Metering Arrangements post RGMA"
Version 1.0

Date: 09/12/2003

Proposed Implementation Date: 12/07/2004

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

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 network were "out of scope" for the purposes of Review of Gas Metering Arrangements (RGMA) 'cutover'. At a further IMSIF meeting held on 28 April 2003, it was further identified that 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 IMSIF's decision, it is necessary to secure Modification of the Network Code to ensure relevant provisions are transitionally retained within the Network Code. This would permit the industry to identify and consider robust non-Network Code contractual arrangements which could be implemented a period of eight months following 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'.

Nature of 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 subjected to procedures commonly termed by Transco as being 'Unique Sites'.

Such provisions would be no longer effective following the expiry of an eight month period following the RGMA 'cutover' date.

Purpose of Proposal

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 are consistent with Transco's GT Licence Relevant Objective of securing effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers.

Consequence of not making this change

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.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Transition Document Part II 'Interim Terms'.

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