

Uniform Network Code NTS Charging Methodology Forum Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

The UNC General Section, Modification Rules (section 12.10) requires the establishment of the NTS Charging Methodology Forum (NTSCMF).

"NTS Charging Methodology": means the methodology in relation to charging in respect of a transportation arrangement established pursuant to paragraph 5 of Standard Special Condition A4 and the methodology in relation to charging in respect of a connection pursuant to paragraph 3 of Standard Condition 4B;

"NTS Charging Methodology Forum": means a Workgroup chaired by a representative of the Code Administrator and operating within the Code of Practice, which is convened for the general purposes of consideration and discussion of matters relating to a NTS Charging Methodology in accordance with its Terms of Reference (which group shall have no power or authority to bind any Materially Affected Party, User or Transporter) and which may not be dissolved by the Modification Panel;

This Terms of Reference establishes:

- a) Scope;
- b) Attendees;
- c) Basis of reporting to Panel, Shipper Users, Transporters, iGTs, CDSP, Third Party Participants and Non-Code Parties;
- d) Procedures for the conduct of business.

2. Scope of NTSCMF

The following identifies the scope of activities related to the NTSCMF and has been extracted from the Modification Rules or industry Modification requirements:

- i. Assess Modification Proposals which proposes a modification to NTS Charging Methodology;
- ii. Provide a view on why the Modification Proposal does not conflict with paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Standard Condition 4B of the Transporter's Licence; or paragraphs 2, 2A and 3 of Standard Special Condition A4 of the Transporter's Licence;
- iii. Completion of Modification Proposal Workgroup Reports;
- iv. Review NTS Charging Methodology related Issues and Topics.

3. Attendance

- a) Attendance at NTSCMF meetings is open but not limited to Shipper Users, Transporters, iGTs, CDSP, Third Party Participants and Non-Code Parties;

- b) All meetings are chaired by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters, which also provides a secretary.

4. Procedures for the Conduct of Business

- a) The Code Administration Code of Practice shall apply to the conduct of the meetings wherever possible;
- b) In principle, meetings shall be open to all, but the Chairperson may exercise discretion to the extent permitted under the Code Administration Code of Practice;
- c) The quorum adopted is at least six (6) participants attending, of which at least two (2) shall be Shipper Users and one (1) NTS Transporter;
- d) The Workgroup has no power or authority to bind any participant of the Workgroup;
- e) Minutes of meeting are to be published on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website;
- f) Modification Proposal Workgroup Reports are to be published on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website.

4.0 Frequency of Meetings

- a) The Transporters shall ensure the NTSCMF meets on a regular basis and at least once every three (3) months unless there is no matter for the NTS Charging Methodology Forum to discuss.

Standard Agenda

- 1.0 Introduction**
- 2.0 Review of Minutes**
- 3.0 Pre-Mod Discussions**
- 4.0 Relevant UNC Modification workgroups**
- 5.0 Gas Charging Review**
 - 5.1 Sub-group Reports**
 - 5.2 EU Tariffs Code**
- 6.0 New Issues and Issues register**
- 7.0 Review of Action(s) Outstanding**
- 8.0 Any Other Business**
- 9.0 Diary Planning**