

UNC Workgroup Individual Terms of Reference

0629S - Standard Design Connections: A2O connection process modification

Introduction

This is an Individual Terms of Reference that includes matters referred from Panel or identified within any initial representations. It replaces the standard Terms of Reference.

Purpose of the Modification and its Solution

Please refer to www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0629

It is proposed that this modification will introduce the Standard Design Connection to the A2O and construction connection processes and that TPD is amended to allow the following principles to apply:

1. Define a Standard Design Connection which allows a connection with a flow rate of less than 57gwh/d to connect to the NTS at a location which is verified and utilises the Standard Designs¹.
2. Define Standard Designs – Pre-approved and Pre-appraised designs in accordance with T/SP/G/19 for Entry and Exit up to 300mm Minimum Offtake Connections.
3. Ensure all current UNC definitions are still applicable or updated accordingly to accommodate Standard Design connections. (e.g. V.13/Y2.12)
4. Include all new potential customer types within the Entry and Exit requirements (e.g. TPD I1.2.2/J1.4.4)
5. Allow appropriate NTS connection application fees.
6. Ensure the Principles set out in TPD section Y, The Gas Transmission Connection Charging Methodology, are appropriate for all types of connection including Standard Design connection.
7. Allow National Grid NTS to offer Meter and Filter Enhancements to Standard Design connections.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Workgroup to assess the Self-Governance Status
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

¹ Subject to availability of NTS Entry or NTS Exit Capacity

Output

To produce a Workgroup Report, for submission to the UNC Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendation(s) of the Workgroup.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/cacop>)