

## UNC Workgroup Individual Terms of Reference

### 0818 - Releasing of unused capacity under a specific set of circumstances

#### 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/0818](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0818)

It is proposed that this Modification will enable unused capacity to be released, only where a site meets a set of specific criteria.

#### Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective (Why Change?)
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve the objective
- Assessment of Governance and whether the Modification meets/continues to meet the Self-Governance criteria
- Assessment of Code Specific Matters
- Assessment of the Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of impacts, including but not limited to Consumer and System Impacts
- Identification of potential impacts on other energy codes
- Consideration of potential performance assurance impacts
- Assessment of how the Modification furthers the Relevant Objectives
- Consideration of a suitable Implementation Date
- Assessment of Implementation costs
- Consideration/Assessment of the Legal Text, to satisfy it meets the intent of the Solution.

#### Panel Questions:

1. This Modification gives the GDNs the power to dictate large DM sites that have booked capacity and not used it, which may be for a number of reasons – one of which currently may be due to increased gas costs. Where no relationship exists between the customer and the GDN, do Workgroup members think this is appropriate where GDN decisions may have adverse impacts on large sites such as I&C production sites and hospitals?
2. The Modification directs that communications regarding this imposed capacity reduction are passed to the customer via the Shipper. What would happen if this communication route breaks down and the GDN imposes a capacity reduction on the customer without their knowledge? Would the GDN carry the legal liability for any losses incurred by the customer?

3. What costs have been incurred by consumers as a result of the issue set out in the problem statement - costs of constraint and unnecessary reinforcement etc".

### **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 ([www.gasgovernance.co.uk/cacop](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/cacop))