

**Agenda:** Pre-Modification Panel Briefing  
**Meeting Details:** 13:00, 18 September 2017  
**Teleconference:** 0207 950 1251, access code 21870295#  
**Documentation at:** <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/210917>

Dear Colleague,

Please note that we will be hosting a pre-Modification Panel briefing by teleconference starting at **13:00 on Monday 18 September 2017**. Discussions will be based on the Modification Panel agenda (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/210917>).

This pre-Panel briefing is intended to provide, in particular, an opportunity for smaller parties, including customer representatives as well as smaller Shippers and Suppliers, an opportunity to feed views into the modification process at critical stages. We therefore expect to focus on new Modifications and those on which the Panel will debate whether or not implementation is supported. Similar teleconferences are held prior to each monthly Modification Panel meeting (third Thursday of the month). Any views on which information would be most helpful to you, or on the time and format of the teleconference, would be welcome.

Modifications that are on this month's Panel agenda are:

### ***New Modifications***

#### **Modification 0619A – Protection from ratchet charges for daily read customers with an AQ of 732,000 and below**

Proposed by Hilary Chapman, SGN.

This modification seeks to protect any daily metered customer with an AQ of 732,000kWh and below from the charging elements of the existing ratchets regime.

The Proposer is seeking Authority direction for the decision to implement as this modification may have a material impact on the commercial activities connected with shipping gas, or commercial activities related to, the shipping, transportation or supply of gas.

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0619>

#### **Modification 0626 - Updating UNC Section B to correct a number of references to the timing of processes associated with the start of a Gas Day**

Proposed by Lesley Ramsey, National Grid.

This modification seeks to make remaining and recently identified references to the GB Gas Day fully compliant with the Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM) European Network Code. Some references were inadvertently omitted from Modification 0461 and this modification seeks to rectify this, updating the GB Gas Day in three places within UNC section TPD B from 06:00 to 05:00.

The Proposer is seeking Fast Track Self-Governance procedures on the basis that there is unlikely to be a material impact on consumers, competition, operation of the pipeline system, matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies, or governance procedures; and is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of parties to the UNC. In essence this is a “housekeeping change” required as a result of some error or factual change as referred to in the fast track self-governance criteria.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0626>

### **Modification 0627 – Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Exit connections**

Proposed by Nicola Lond, National Grid.

This modification seeks to remove the requirement for every new NTS Exit connection to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation. It is part of Project CLoCC, helping to enable faster, cheaper connections.

The Proposer is seeking self-governance procedures on the basis that the modification is unlikely to have a material impact on consumers, competition, operation of the pipeline system, matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies, or governance procedures. In addition, it is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of parties to the UNC. This is on the basis that it seeks to make a minor change to the current requirement for all new NTS Exit connections to include a ROV Installation.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0627>

### ***Implementation Recommendations***

#### **Modification 0593V – Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries**

This enabling modification seeks to create provisions in the UNC to permit the release of data to Price Comparison Websites (PCWs) and Third Party Intermediaries (TPIs) to satisfy the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Energy Market Investigation requirements. The release of data would be subject to contractual agreement with Transporters that would include validations and be pursuant to data protection principles.

It is believed that by providing data directly to such non-Code parties the service provided will improve, leading to more switching with consequential benefits to the competitive marketplace.

In February 2017, Panel considered the original Modification 0593 and the consultation responses received. Implementation was not recommended, mainly because of concerns about the suitability of the safeguards proposed for consumer data. Ofgem subsequently sent the Report back to Panel to address the concerns raised and, at its' March meeting, Panel referred the modification back to the workgroup for further assessment. After clarification by the CMA of the suitability of a proposed approach, a Supplemental Report, along with a Privacy Impact Assessment, was provided by the workgroup. Additionally, the Proposer submitted a Variation Request because the Solution differs to the original one. Panel accepted the Variation at its July 2017 meeting; subsequently,

after completion of the parallel DSC process, Modification 0593V was issued to consultation at the 17 August Panel meeting.

The 0593V consultation closed on Friday 08 September; a summary of views received will be provided on the call.

Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether they recommend that the modification should be implemented.

### ***Self-Governance Implementation***

#### **Modification 0613S – Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document**

This modification seeks to introduce the updated UK Link Manual into the Data Services Contract.

The 0613S consultation closed on Friday 08 September; a summary of views received will be provided on the call.

Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether the modification should be implemented.

I hope this summary is helpful.

Regards,

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