

**Gas  
Transmission**

# **Revision of the Modification Panel Meeting Location Requirement in the Modification Rules – Pre Modification Discussion**

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# Background

- UNC Modification Rules (5.7.1) requires that meetings of the Modification Panel are held in London
  - Unless the Modification Panel determines otherwise
- Rule in place since the establishment of the original Network Code in March 1996
  - Carried forward into the Uniform Network Code in 2005
- Reflected the work locations of the majority of the members of the UNC Modification Panel and other stakeholders in 1996?

# Why Change

- Unnecessary constraint on Code Administrator
  - More flexible working arrangements for individuals
  - Wider geographical spread of individuals' work locations
- Greater flexibility in meeting location would allow the Code Administrator to optimise meeting costs

# Solution

- UNC modified to:
  - Remove the requirement for meetings of the Modification Panel to take place in London
  - Require that meetings of the Modification Panel take place in the location specified by the Code Administrator
  - Ability of Modification Panel to determine otherwise (i.e. that the meeting take place in a location other than that specified by the Code Administrator) retained

# Governance

## ■ Proposed for Self Governance

- unlikely to have a material effect on the UNC governance procedures

## ■ ‘Authority Direction/Self Governance Materiality Guidance’ document

| Effect on                                 | Likely to require Authority decision if your proposal....  |
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| UNC governance or modification procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affects the rights of the industry to be engaged in proposed changes to the UNC.</li><li>• Changes the User or Transporter representation obligations.</li><li>• Changes any Authority decision-making capacity.</li></ul> |

- Proposer’s view: the proposed changes to the Modification Rules do not affect rights of the industry to be engaged nor change User or Transporter representation obligations

## Recommended Steps

- Raised for initial consideration by the Modification Panel on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- Recommendation to issue to a Workgroup for a period of 2 months for development
  - Workgroup Report to Modification Panel in October 2021