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Dear Colleague,

**NOTICE OF IMPLEMENTATION
MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No: 0022**

"Revision to Section O - Removal of references to the Base Plan Assumptions Document"

Please note that Modification Proposal No 0022 was implemented with effect from 06:00 hours on 24/10/2005. The Final Modification Report, Version 3.0, was signed by Ofgem on 21/10/2005.

The new Code text resulting from this Modification follows.

Modified Text:

**TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT
O SYSTEM PLANNING**

Amend the heading to paragraph 1.2 to read as follows:-

"1.2 ~~Base Plan Assumptions~~ Transporting Britain's Energy and Ten Year Statement"

Amend paragraph 1.2.1 to read as follows:-

"1.2.1 Each year Transco NTS will ~~publish Base Plan Assumptions~~ undertake the Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process and subsequently publish a Ten Year Statement in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4."

Amend paragraph 1.2.2 to read as follows:-

"1.2.2 ~~"Base Plan Assumptions" is a document setting out initial assumptions as to supply and demand in Gas Years~~ "Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process" is the consultation process setting out the initial assumptions of Transco NTS as to supply and demand in Gas Years and requesting information from Users and other persons by means of one or more questionnaires."

Amend paragraph 1.3 to read as follows:-

"1.3 No Transporter will be liable pursuant to the Code to any User in relation to any estimate, forecast or other information contained in or omitted from the ~~Base Plan Assumptions~~ Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process or Ten Year

Statement, and nothing contained therein will bind a Transporter to undertake any reinforcement of any relevant System(s).”

Amend paragraph 1.4 to read as follows:-

“1.4 For the purposes of this Section O, in relation to the planning activities undertaken in accordance with this Section O in any year, year 0 is the Gas Year in which such activities are being undertaken, year 1 is the immediately following Gas Year and years 2 to 9 are the following 8 Gas Years, and years ~~3 to 1~~ are is the ~~three~~ Gas Years preceding year 0.”

Amend the heading to paragraph 3 to read as follows:-

“**3 ~~BASE PLAN ASSUMPTIONS~~ TRANSPORTING BRITAIN’S ENERGY”**

Amend paragraph 3.1 to read as follows:-

“3.1~~4~~ In ~~October~~ January of each year (year 0), Transco NTS will ~~publish for consultation the Base Plan Assumptions, and invite comments~~ conduct the Transporting Britain’s Energy consultation process and request information from Users and others ~~thereon~~ in accordance with paragraph 3.2.”

Delete paragraph 3.1.2 and 3.1.3

Amend paragraph 3.2.1 to read as follows:-

“3.2.1 Each User shall provide to the Transporter, by the date ~~(not less than one month after the Base Plan Assumptions were published)~~ and in the format specified in the ~~Base Plan Assumptions~~ Transporting Britain’s Energy questionnaire:

- (a)
- (b) such estimates for years 1 to 3 of availability of gas for supply (in accordance with paragraph 2.2.1) to such User, upon such assumptions (as referred to in paragraph 2.2.2), as may be required pursuant to the ~~Base Plan Assumptions~~ Transporting Britain’s Energy consultation process; and
- (c) in the case of Transco NTS, such further information as may reasonably be requested by Transco NTS ~~under Base Plan Assumptions~~ pursuant to the Transporting Britain’s Energy consultation process.”

Amend paragraph 3.2.2 to read as follows:-

“3.2.2 The information required under paragraph 3.2.1 is to be provided:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

and on such basis of estimation or otherwise as may be specified ~~in the Base Plan Assumptions~~ by Transco NTS pursuant to the Transporting Britain’s Energy consultation process.”

Amend paragraph 3.2.3 to read as follows:-

“3.2.3 Subject to paragraph 3.2.4, in order to ensure consistency of information provided to the Transporter and to avoid duplication in estimation of demand, a User's estimates of demand are to be in relation to Supply Points in respect of which the User is Registered User and other sources of demand as at the reference date specified (pursuant to paragraph 3.1.2(g)) ~~in the Base Plan Assumptions~~ by Transco NTS pursuant to the Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process, and Users should not take into account anticipated changes in their portfolios of Supply Points or in market share, other than as respects new loads in accordance with paragraph 3.2.4.”

Amend paragraph 3.3.2 to read as follows:-

“3.3.2 Where ~~the Base Plan Assumptions specify~~ Transco NTS specifies, pursuant to the Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process, the form in which information provided to Transco NTS pursuant thereto is to be published, a person providing information to the Transporter for the purposes of this Section O will be deemed to have consented to:

- (a); and
- (b)

Amend paragraph 3.3.3 to read as follows:-

“3.3.3 Subject to paragraph 3.3.2 and to the Transporter's duties under the Transporter's Licence and the Act, and except where any such person consents thereto, the Transporter agrees that the Ten Year Statement, and in the case of Transco NTS only, the ~~Base Plan Assumptions~~ Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process, will not identify by name any particular Users nor (insofar as any User shall have provided information to the Transporter relating to such person) any supplier, consumer or person producing or selling gas before its delivery to the Total System.”

Amend paragraph 3.5.1 to read as follows:-

“3.5.1 Subject to paragraph 3.5.2, each User will, in so far as lies within its power, cooperate with and provide reasonable assistance to the Transporter in obtaining information requested under the ~~Base Plan Assumptions~~ Transporting Britain's Energy process from persons not bound by the Code, including Delivery Facility Operators in respect of Connected Delivery Facilities at Aggregate System Entry Points and Offtake System Operators in respect of Connected Offtake Systems at Connected System Exit Points at which the User holds capacity, persons from whom the User has contracted to purchase gas, suppliers to whom the User has contracted to sell gas and consumers who are customers of such suppliers or of the User directly.”

Amend paragraph 4.1 to read as follows:-

“4.1 Publication and content of Ten Year Statement

4.1.1 On the basis of the information provided:

(a) to Transco NTS by Users, other responses to the Base Plan Assumptions Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process and other information available to it, Transco NTS will;

(b)

4.1.2 The Ten Year Statement will typically include:

(a) details for year - 1 of actual peak day demand:

(i) for the Total System; and

(ii) for System Exit Points (other than Unmetered Connected System Exit Points) in accordance with paragraph 4.1.3;

(b) estimates for each of years 0 to 9 (or for certain of such years) of:

(i) Total System 1-in-20 peak day demand and the Total System seasonal normal annual demand, upon each of the demand growth assumptions under paragraph (e) below; and

(ii) 1-in-20 peak day demand for System Exit Points in accordance with paragraph 4.1.3;

(c) estimates for each of years 0 to 9 (or for certain of such years) of maximum daily supply for the Total System, by System Entry Point, and the assumptions (in accordance with paragraph 2.2.1) on which such estimates were made;

(d) an estimate for year 1 of the amounts by which maximum daily supply falls short of Total System 1-in-20 peak day demand;

(e) different assumptions as to overall growth in demand for gas in years 0 to 9 or certain of such years;

(f) the principal economic and other assumptions made by Transco NTS in preparing such estimates; and

(g) a reference date for the making of estimations of demand.

4.1.3 The details or estimates in respect of System Exit Points under paragraphs 4.1.2(a)(ii) and 4.1.2(b)(ii) will be given:

(a) in respect of LDZ Supply Points, on an aggregated basis by LDZ;

(b) in respect of NTS Supply Points, on an aggregated basis for the Total System as a whole; and

(c) in respect of each LDZ Connected System Exit Point on an aggregated basis by LDZ (but not for Storage Connection Points)."

Yours sincerely,

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