

## **CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0022**

"Revision to Section O - Removal of references to the Base Plan Assumptions Document"  
Version 1.0

**Date:** 09/06/2005

**Proposed Implementation Date:** 01/09/2005

**Urgency:** Non-Urgent

### **Proposer's preferred route through modification procedures and if applicable, justification for Urgency**

(see the criteria at [http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/2752\\_Urgency\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/2752_Urgency_Criteria.pdf))

Transco NTS seeks the Modification Proposal to proceed direct to consultation in accordance with the modification procedures in paragraph 7.3 of the UNC Modification Rules.

### **Nature and Purpose of Proposal (including consequence of non implementation)**

The proposal is to remove the references to the Base Plan Assumptions document from UNC Section O. All references to Base Plan Assumptions are to be removed or replaced by references to Transporting Britain's Energy or the Transco Ten Year Statement. It is also proposed to move the sections that are currently in the section titled Base Plan Assumptions to the section titled the Ten Year Statement.

After wide Industry consultation the Transporting Britain's Energy (TBE) process was agreed in 2001. The outcome of this process is the annual publication of the Transco Ten Year Statement (10YS), which contains all the information which the UNC requires to be published in the Base Plan Assumptions (BPA) document. As the BPA document has been superseded by the 10YS, the BPA document no longer needs to be published. This Proposal seeks to ensure clear alignment of agreed practice with UNC provisions.

Non implementation of this Proposal would perpetuate the present situation with potential for duplication and inefficiency.

### **Basis upon which the Proposer considers that it will better facilitate the achievement of the Relevant Objectives, specified in Standard Special Condition A11.1 & 2 of the Gas Transporters Licence**

Implementation of this proposal will facilitate the efficient discharge by the licensee of its licence obligations.

### **Advantages of the Proposal**

As part of the TBE process, Transco NTS has developed targeted industry questionnaires to ensure the responses are consistent and relevant to the recipients. Transco NTS developed these for the Users, Producers, End Users, Consumers, Transporters, Terminal Operators and Storage Operators. The process of gathering and publishing planning information will be better coordinated by aligning the User requirements with other Industry participants. This should lead to cost savings within the Transporters' planning process and potential increased investment efficiency.

The Proposal will also promote the efficient implementation and administration of the UNC.

## **Disadvantages of the Proposal**

Transco NTS does not envisage any disadvantages.

### **Any further information (Optional), likely impact on systems, processes or procedures, Proposer's view on implementation timescales and suggested text**

The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal on security of supply, operation of the Total System and industry fragmentation

No implications are expected.

The implication for Transporters and each Transporter of implementing the Modification Proposal, including

a) implications for operation of the System:

No implications for operation of the system have been identified.

b) development and capital cost and operating cost implications:

No implications have been identified.

c) extent to which it is appropriate to recover the costs, and proposal for the most appropriate way to recover the costs:

Transco NTS do not propose any additional cost recovery as a result of this Proposal.

d) analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation:

No such consequences have been identified.

The consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal on the level of contractual risk of each Transporter under the Code as modified by the Modification Proposal

Transco NTS does not envisage any such consequences.

The high level indication of the areas of the UK Link System likely to be affected, together with the development implications and other implications for the UK Link Systems and related computer systems of each Transporter and Users

Transco NTS does not envisage any such consequences.

The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Users, including administrative and operational costs and level of contractual risk

Transco NTS does not envisage any such consequences.

No systems or process impacts have been identified.

### **Proposed implementation Timetable**

Action	Due Date
Discuss as a Topic in Transmission Workstream	02/06/05
Seek Workstream support to send proposal directly to Consultation	02/06/05
Submit Modification Proposal for June Mod Panel	16/06/05
Draft Mod Report Issued	07/07/05
Close-out of Reps	28/07/05
Final Mod Report Issued	18/08/05

Ofgem Decision

September 05

**Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs**

UNC section O, Chapters 1, 3 and 4

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