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Dear Colleague,

Request for urgent status for Uniform Network Code modification proposal 043: "Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity."

Ofgem has received a request from Transco NTS for the above modification proposal to follow urgent procedures. Having considered the request, Ofgem has today agreed for this modification proposal to follow urgent procedures. The reasons for making this decision are set out below.

This modification proposal replaces Urgent Modification Proposal UNC0037: "Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity", which covered similar issues and has today been withdrawn by Transco.

Ofgem's decision on the request for urgency

In reaching its decision, Ofgem has taken into account the proposer's views regarding the imminent date-related event, i.e. the QSEC auction invitation letters being issued by 19 August 2005 and also the potential commercial impacts on Transco NTS, Users and ultimately consumers as a result of potentially high buy-back costs at specific Aggregate System Entry Points.

Ofgem considers that the justification for urgency accords with its criteria for granting urgent status to a modification proposal. In particular, Ofgem considers that if the modification proposal was to follow non-urgent procedures, and then be subsequently approved by Ofgem, there is a risk that the market would have insufficient time to amend their procedures to comply with the modification proposal.

For the avoidance of doubt, in accepting this request for urgency, Ofgem has made no analysis of the actual proposals.

Urgency Timetable

The granting of urgent status and adherence to the timetable below for this modification proposal, would ensure that the proposal is in a position to be decided upon and if appropriate implemented ahead of the 2005 QSEC auction invitation letters.

Proposal sent to Ofgem requesting urgency	09/08/05
Ofgem grant urgent status	09/08/05
Proposal issued for consultation (2 working days)	10/08/05
Close out of representations	12/08/05
Urgent modification report issued (1 working day)	15/08/05
Modification Panel decide upon recommendation	17/08/05
Revised Urgent Modification report issued to Ofgem	17/08/05
Ofgem decision expected	18/08/05

Yours sincerely



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