

CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0060
"Publication of Information in the Maintenance Programme"
Version 1.0

Date: 18/10/2005

Proposed Implementation Date:

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)

A straightforward change to the Uniform Network Code is proposed to ensure that information be made available that would improve the ability of parties directly associated with Supply Points, affected by a NTS Maintenance Programme, to co-ordinate their planned activities with the Transporter.

The Proposer believes that further development is unnecessary and therefore recommends that this Proposal should proceed direct to consultation.

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

In the NTS Maintenance Programme, Transco NTS is required to publish information relating to affected NTS System Entry and Exit Points. In practice, more specific information has related only to affected Aggregated System Entry Points (ASEPs). Information relating to NTS System Exit Points comprises only a list of Maintenance Affected Exit Points. The 2005 Maintenance Programme identified 31 such Exit Points.

It is proposed that information on affected NTS Connected System Exit Points and NTS Supply Points be made available to the relevant shipper(s) and consumer at these points at the same time as publication of the rest of the Maintenance Programme. The information should include the expected dates of the supply interruption and whether a full or partial cessation of the offtake of gas will be required.

Implementation of this Modification Proposal would reinforce the requirement to provide specific information relating to individual Supply Points, whilst maintaining commercial confidentiality.

Non-implementation would mean a continuation of the present lack of co-ordination between shippers, affected sites and Transco NTS regarding maintenance and plant shutdowns.

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

Allowing parties directly associated with affected Supply Points to better co-ordinate their planned activities with the Transporter would enhance the efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system.

It would also help National Grid NTS focus on the original intent of the code, without compromising commercial confidentiality and thus promoting the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under its licence.

By reducing the uncertainties associated with Maintenance Programmes, these proposed improvements in co-ordination would serve to further the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers.

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

Suggested Legal Text

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE - TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT

SECTION L - MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING

3.2.2 The information specified in paragraph 3.2.1 will be identified for NTS Supply Points, NTS Connected System Exit Points and NTS System Entry Points individually, with all information on NTS Connected System Exit Points and NTS Supply Points being provided directly only to the Maintenance Relevant Parties to ensure commercial confidentiality.

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document

Section L

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