

CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0079

"Removal of obligation to Notify Meter Reader during Nomination or Confirmation activity as defined in paragraphs G 2.3.2 and G 2.6.1"

Version 1.0

Date: 29/03/2006

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)

It is proposed that this Modification Proposal, which has been discussed and supported in principle by the Distribution Workstream, should proceed immediately to consultation.

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

The proposal is to delete TPD Section G2.3.2(f)(i) and to delete the reference to 'Meter Reader' in TPD Section G2.6.1(d).

The UNC currently places an obligation on a new Supplier to notify the Transporter of the identity of the proposed Meter Reader. Users are required to provide such information as a consequence of relevant Supply Point Nomination and Confirmation activities.

Following the 'unbundling' of NDM meter reading, there no longer appears to be a valid requirement for Transporters to retain details of the Meter Read Agent. Additionally the UNC does not oblige Users to maintain the accuracy of such information.

For the reasons given above and to align the UNC with current industry practice this proposal seeks to remove any obligation on Users to provide this information to the Transporters.

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 Modification Proposal would better facilitate the promotion of efficiency in the administration of the Uniform Network Code.

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

There is a potential for this proposal to impact on the UK Link records associated with Nomination and Confirmation activities (spec. S42, S48, S49). However, the Meter Reader identifier fields within these records are 'optional' and hence an amendment to these records is not required, would produce unnecessary costs and

be of no benefit to either Users or Transporters. Given this, no systems impact is anticipated. However, at any point in time, and subject to the established governance processes, the Transporters would be free to implement a change should they believe this to be cost effective.

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

Delete TPD Section G2.3.2(f)(i)
Delete reference to 'Meter Reader' in TPD Section G2.6.1(d)

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