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Implementation of Modification Proposal 219: Publication of UK wholesale gas market liquidity data

On 5 March 2009 the Authority directed National Grid - National Transmission System (NG NTS) to implement Uniform Network Code (UNC) modification 219: Publication of UK wholesale gas market liquidity data¹ (UNC219). In making its decision, the Authority noted the opportunity for substantial cost savings in implementing that proposal as part of Phase 2 of Market Information Publication Initiative (MIPI), rather than as an earlier stand alone change.

NG NTS subsequently issued notice that the implementation of UNC219 would be 1 November 2009, in line with the anticipated implementation of MIPI Phase 2.

On 9 October 2009 we were informed by NG NTS that it had recently become apparent from MIPI Phase 2 testing that the implementation date would need to be revised to 16 November 2009. As a consequence, NG NTS sought the Authority's approval to revise the associated UNC219 implementation date to 16 November 2009.

In deciding whether to agree to this request we have considered the views of the proposer of UNC219, who confirmed they would have no objection to the delay on the proviso of implementation being no later than the stated 16 November 2009 date.

Though it is regrettable that this delay to MIPI Phase 2 has arisen with impacts upon UNC219, at this stage the two could be considered inextricably linked. We consider that the costs of now seeking to implement UNC219 ahead of MIPI Phase 2 would be a disproportionate response to the relatively short delay, if indeed it were possible. We therefore agree in accordance with paragraph 9.7 of the UNC Modification Rules to the implementation date for UNC219 being amended to 16 November 2009.

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¹ See: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/GasCodes/UNC/Mods/Documents1/UNC219D.pdf>