

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0374 - Interruptible to Firm – Supply Point Transition

Workgroup Report to Panel Meeting: 19 May 2011

Date referred from Panel: 17 March 2011

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0374 at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0374

Solution

It is proposed that for a period of time between 8th September & 19th October, certain SPA processes for the affected Supply Points would be suspended while the affected Supply Points are systematically converted from Interruptible status to Firm status. The preference is for Users to take the lead in this process, although where a User has not taken the appropriate action, this Proposal establishes the option for the Transporter to take action and make the Supply Point Reconfirmation on the Users behalf.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- The duration of the close out period
- Definition of affected supply point
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
 - the impacts on Distribution Networks;
 - clarify which supply points are affected;
 - consider the impact on ratchet charges.
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

Outputs

Produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendations of the Workgroup.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice