

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0376 - Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity

Workgroup Report to Panel Meeting: 20 October 2011

Date referred from Panel: 21 April 2011

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0376 at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0376

Solution

To provide more choice for Shippers the following changes to the UNC are proposed.

Ad hoc application Process:

- Extend the time for applications from Y+4 to Y+6;
- Place best endeavours rather than reasonable endeavours on NG to make firm capacity available from the requested date when at least 38 months notice has been given;
- Reduce the minimum threshold application from 10 Gwh/day to 100 Kwh/day.

Annual Application Window:

- Allow applications made during the July Annual Application Window for Enduring Annual NTS Exit (flat) Capacity to have a registered holding date of the 1st of any month between October Y+4 and September Y+5 rather than just 1st October.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification, including if there are likely to be any central systems impacts
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

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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.