

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0397 - Amendments to Section I of the OAD to reflect Offtake Profile Notice rules and recognition of different NTS/LDZ Offtake sensitivities

Date referred from Panel:

15 September 2011

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0397 at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0397>.

Solution

The key proposal is to remove the “one size fits all” treatment of NTS/LDZ Offtakes by categorising as either a;

- (i) Designated Offtake; or
- (ii) Non-designated Offtake

Each category will have a separate tolerance within which its daily OPN Submissions must operate. Linked to this, refinements to aggregate LDZ measurements are proposed, to capture specific scenarios where bespoke UNC rules are appropriate for specific LDZs.

The remaining operational changes and solutions are clearly captured in suggested legal text in Section 8; namely

- relaxation of frequency in which a DNO can submit revised Offtake Profile Notices
- removal of requirement to specify Operational circumstances for a DNO flow swap request.
- extension of area for DNO flow swap request from NTS Exit Zone level to LDZ level (providing for consistency with National Grid NTS)

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 but not limited to scheduling charges
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

Outputs

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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