

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0401: Amendments to the provisions for agreeing pressures at the Offtakes from the National Transmission System to Distribution Networks.

Date referred from Panel:

15 September 2011

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0401 at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0401.

Solution

It is proposed that in relation to all Offtakes it should be agreed between NTS and each DNO which Offtakes (“significant”) will be subject to the daily “Agreed 0600 Pressure” process.

It is also proposed that a DNO or NTS may request to add an Offtake or to remove an Offtake from the list of the significant Offtakes, giving as much notice as possible. Such an Offtake would then become subject to the daily “Agreed Pressure” process for a period to be agreed between the affected parties. Where NTS and the DNO do not agree whether an Offtake should be added or removed the default position remains that the Offtake will be treated as a Significant Offtake.

For instances where the DNO has accommodated a request from NTS for a revised pressure (Agreed Pressure) and where NTS has failed to deliver the Agreed Pressure or a higher pressure it is assumed that NTS would accommodate any associated flow swap.

Topics for Discussion

- Identification of whether the modification is likely to impact NTS flexibility and/or pressures available to NTS connected customers
- 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 limited to assessing if this modification is likely to impact NTS flexibility and or pressures available to NTS connected customers.
- 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