

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0403: EU Third Package: 21 day switching with flexible objection period

Date referred from Panel:

20 October 2011

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0403 at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0403

Solution

It is proposed that the three-week switching period can start and/or end on any calendar or business day and that period may additionally include bank holidays and designated non-working days. The switching process needs to ensure switching compliance in all circumstances and the existing current process with a latest confirmation request date of Supply Point Registration Date (SRD) – 15 Business Days will not guarantee this.

However, this could be achieved by:

1. Fixing the Confirmation Window to SRD-7 Business Days through to SRD i.e. exactly as it is under the existing rules.
2. Make the minimum confirmation lead time 21 Calendar Days
3. Absorb any limitation of days in a flexible Objection period.
4. Process Objection notifications on any Business Day within the period.

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
- 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.