

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0412: Changes to the Stages of Emergency Resulting from Changes Introduced by Exit Reform

Date referred from Panel:

16 February 2012

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0412 at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0412

Solution

It is proposed to change the Emergency steps (as described in UNC Section Q3) to merge together the current Stages 2 and 3. As this would effectively leave only four stages the existing Stages 4 and 5 will be renumbered. Firm Load Shedding would be moved to Stage 2. This will ensure that the Transporters are able to efficiently manage a Network Supply Emergency following the full implementation of Mod 0900 and 0195AV.

It is also proposed to change references to Interruption throughout Section Q to clarify that all steps to carry out interruption refer to activation of Distribution Network (DN) Interruptibles only (if Off-peak NTS Exit Capacity continues to flow it will be bypassed directly to steps in Stage 1, 2, etc.).

This modification further proposes a non-material clarification to Section Q1.2.3 where "...and a reference to a Network gas Supply Emergency includes..." should be changed to read "Network Gas Supply Emergency includes...".

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;
- Consideration of the impact on DNO interruptible connections and how they may be affected by the modification; and
- Consideration of the proposed NEC safety case changes that this modification is seeking to mirror.

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.