

## Workgroup Terms of Reference

### 0470: Notification of Minimal Safety operating gas needs of large customers

**Date referred from Panel:** 17 October 2013

#### Background – Why Change?

Please refer to [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0470](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0470)

#### Solution

It is proposed that a more structured solution be put in place over the binary approach to firm load shedding (i.e. complete shutoff). Daily Read customers (i.e. DM Mandatory, DM Voluntary and DM Elective) connected to DN networks would be able nominate a portion of their SOQ that can be safely interrupted in an emergency allowing them to maintain enough of their supply to prevent damage to equipment and maintain plant safety when first interrupted. This will ensure that customers safely reduce their gas consumption and so provide greater certainty to the networks on the amount of demand that can be removed from the system whilst providing assurances to customer that they will not jeopardize their sites' continued existence. Whilst it is up to the transporters how they ultimately manage the reduction of system load during an emergency, nothing in this modification would prevent such sites having their protected minimum gas use being curtailed to protect domestic load.

#### 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.

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