

# 0492FT:

## Governance change – update to Mod Rules following Consumers’ Representative’s name change.



*The Consumers’ Representative name has changed from “The National Consumer Council” to “Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland”. This change is to be reflected in the Modification Rules.*



The Panel determined that this fast track self-governance modification be implemented.



High Impact:  
None



Medium Impact:  
None



Low Impact: All parties to the UNC

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## About this document:

This Final Modification Report was considered by the Panel on 15 May 2014.

The Panel unanimously determined that this modification should be implemented.



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## 1 Summary

### Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The Modification Panel determined that this is a self-governance modification because it is unlikely to have material effect on gas consumers; competition, the operation of pipe-line systems, safety or security of supply, the uniform network code governance procedures or the network code modification procedures.

### Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

The Modification Panel determined that this modification should be a Fast Track Self-Governance modification, and that the modification meets both the self-governance criteria and the fast track criteria in particular fast track criteria (b i) “updating names or addresses listed in the uniform network code”.

### Why Change?

At the 156<sup>th</sup> Modification Panel held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Panel was advised that there had been recent changes to the National Consumer Council. It was agreed a modification was required to amend the Consumers’ Representative’s name within the Modification Rules.

### Solution

Amendment to the Modification Rules to change references to the “National Consumer Council” to “Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland”.

### Relevant Objectives

The modification will aid relevant objective f) “Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.”

### Implementation

As Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Panel decision to implement (subject to no Objection being raised). No implementation costs are expected.

## 2 Why Change?

At the 156<sup>th</sup> Modification Panel held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, the Panel was advised that there had been recent changes to the National Consumer Council and that this had now been superseded by Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland. It was agreed a modification was required to correct references within the Modification Rules

### 3 Solution

Amendment to the Modification Rules to change any references from the “National Consumer Council” to “Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland”

#### User Pays

Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.

No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.

### 4 Relevant Objectives

#### Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

By ensuring the correct name is referenced in the Modification Rules it allows the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

## 5 Implementation

As Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Panel decision to implement (subject to no Objection being raised). No implementation costs are expected.

## 6 Legal Text

### Uniform Network Code - Modification Rules

Amend paragraph 2.1 Defined terms as follows:

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#### "Consumers' Representative(s)":

- (a) the representative (if any) for the time being appointed by ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#); and
- (b) the representative (if any) of consumers for the time being appointed by the Authority, to the Modification Panel in accordance with these Rules;

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Amend paragraph 3.8 as follows:

### 3.8 Consumers' Representatives

The Consumers' Representative appointed by:

- (a) ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#) to be a Voting Member shall be an individual who is an employee, representative, officer or contractor of the ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#);

Amend paragraph 4.1.3 as follows:

- 4.1.3 ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#) and the Authority may, from time to time, by notice to the Secretary ~~each~~ identify one (1) individual to be appointed [by the Authority and one \(1\) by Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#) (and revoke any such appointment) as a "Consumers' Representative".

Amend paragraph 4.4.2 (e) as follows:

- (e) a Consumers' Representative:
  - (i) where appointed by the ~~National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#), ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland](#) may, by notice to the Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice' or Citizens Advice Scotland](#) appointed Consumers' Representative;
  - (ii) where appointed by the Authority, the Authority may, by notice to the Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed as the Authority's appointed Consumers' Representative;

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## 7 Panel Discussions

The Panel Chair summarised that Modification 0492FT seeks to amend the reference to the Consumers' Representative within the Modification Rules from the National Consumer Council to Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland.

Members considered the relevant objective (f) promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code and agreed that implementation of this change would have positive impact on this relevant objective.

Members voted unanimously to recommend implementation of Modification 0492FT.

## 8 Recommendation

### Panel Recommendation

Having considered the Modification Report, the Panel determined:

- that proposed fast track self-governance Modification 0492FT should be made.