

UNC Modifications
Proposed Prioritisation Process

Our commitment to the gas industry

- At the Joint Office of Gas Transporters we are acutely aware that Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an extremely challenging and unprecedented event.
- The gas industry is experiencing challenging operational issues, having to introduce new practices and procedures.
- We want to ensure you of our continued support and commitment during these challenging times.
- The Joint Office of Gas Transporters will continue to support you wherever we can.

Our commitment to the gas industry

- Whilst our Radcliffe office is closed, the Joint Office of Gas Transporters will be fully operational via a variety of platforms.
- We want to continue talking and working with the gas industry through these challenging times to ensure that the industry is supported in any decisions and actions it needs to take.
- If you would like to communicate with us directly please contact

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Proposed Prioritisation of UNC Modifications

To support the industry through this difficult time and for the period of the pandemic, the Joint Office would like to propose that the UNC Modification Panel adopts a prioritisation process for UNC Modifications if the industry is impacted by resourcing constraints due to Covid-19.

At present the Joint Office is operating as business as usual

Proposed Prioritisation of UNC Modifications Principles

To support a prioritisation process the Joint Office would like to follow Ofgem's Covid -19 priorities:-

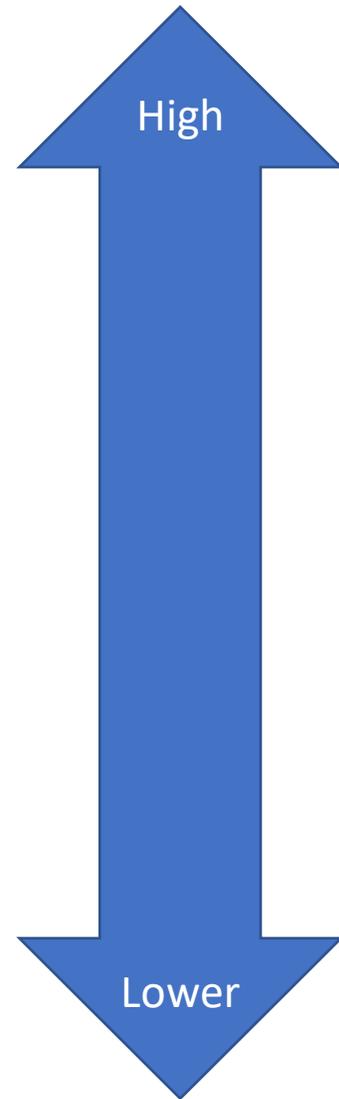
“Our priority is to protect consumers, especially the vulnerable, and maintain Britain's supply of electricity and gas.”

“We will continue to do all we can to protect consumers, especially the vulnerable, and to maintain Britain's energy supplies during this crisis.”

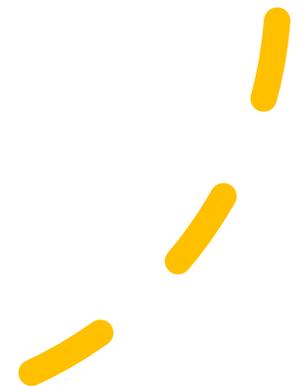
Ofgem website:-

www.ofgem.gov.uk/news-blog/our-blog/coronavirus-covid-19-protecting-consumers

Potential Prioritisation Criteria For UNC Modifications



- Covid-19
- Safety
- Security of Supply
- Vulnerable Customers
- Legislation and Compliance
- Domestic Consumers
(to include a significant commercial impact on the domestic consumer)
- I and C Consumers
- Performance and Assurance



Prioritisation Criteria Descriptions

Corona – Covid 19 – Modifications that support the pandemic

Safety – Modifications that affect the safe operation of the Gas Transportation System (affects the integrity of the system)

Security of Supply – Modifications that affect the operation of the Gas Transportation System (affects ability to supply gas)

Vulnerable Customers – Modifications that affect vulnerable consumers (includes commercial & supply impacts)

Legislation and Compliance – Modifications that are required to bring the UNC in line with legislation and/or compliance

Domestic Consumers – Modifications that affect domestic consumers (includes commercial & supply impacts)

I and C Consumers - Modifications that affect I&C consumers (includes commercial & supply impacts)

Performance and Assurance – Modifications relating to Industry performance and assurance reporting

Potential Prioritisation Process For UNC Modifications

- The prioritisation criteria would **only be in place for the period** of the pandemic and **only if resourcing constraints became apparent**. (Until informed by Her Majesty's government).
- The UNC Modification Panel would assess any new UNC Modifications against the approved prioritisation criteria, with the Independent UNC Modification Panel Chair having the casting vote if required.
- All “in-flight UNC Modifications to be reviewed against the agreed prioritisation criteria.

Potential Prioritisation Process For UNC Modifications

- The Joint Office of Gas Transporters **would** administer the prioritisation process.
- The Joint Office of Gas Transporters **would not make any decisions** relating to the prioritisation process.
- The UNC Modification Panel would be responsible for the application of the prioritisation criteria

Potential Prioritisation Categories For UNC Modifications

- For those UNC Modifications deemed to be of the **highest priority (COVID-19, Safety, Security of Supply, Vulnerable Customers)** the **Urgency route** should be followed.

Potential Prioritisation Process For UNC Modifications

For all other Modifications, the Proposer and the UNC Modification Panel would determine timelines based on:-

- Prioritisation criteria as outline in Slide 2.
- Modification content and work required (Analysis, systems development and impacts and legal text requirements)
- Benefits of the Modification to include Relevant Objectives

Potential Prioritisation Process For UNC Modifications

- The Proposer will be asked to identify which prioritisation criteria they would like their Modification to be considered under.
- All potential new UNC Modifications must have undertaken a Pre-Modification discussion ahead of the formal raising of the Modification (In the appropriate Workgroup).
- A common approach would need to be determined with the DSC Change Committee prioritisation to ensure any potential conflicts are minimised.
- All Requests should be placed on hold.
- All Fast-Track Modifications should be placed on hold.

Management of “in flight Modifications”

- All “in-flight UNC Modifications to be reviewed against the agreed prioritisation criteria.
- The assessment would be shared with the UNC Modification Panel who would review timelines and determine if any changes were required.
- Modification Proposers would be asked to consider whether discussions should be delayed and whether the timescales for their Modifications could be extend.

Management of “in flight Modifications”

- Progress Workgroups (where deemed appropriate) as normal via teleconferencing and appropriate sharing platforms.
- The UNC Modification Panel will review, manage and approve the above at their scheduled monthly meeting.