

MODIFICATION 0736

CLARIFICATORY CHANGE TO THE AQ AMENDMENT PROCESS WITHIN TPD G2.3

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SECTION G – SUPPLY POINTS

Amend paragraphs 2.3.24, 2.3.25 and 2.3.27 and add new paragraphs 2.3.30 and 2.3.31 in each case as shown below:

2.3.20 The Registered User may request a change in the Annual Quantity of a Supply Meter Point on the grounds that the most recently calculated Annual Quantity does not reflect the expected (seasonally adjusted where relevant) consumption of gas over the 12 months following the date of the request due to an eligible cause which occurred after the Read Date of the AQ Opening Reading used in the most recent calculation of the Annual Quantity.

2.3.21 For the purpose of paragraph 2.3.20 “**eligible cause**” means:

- (a) the confirmed theft of gas (which resulted in the metered consumption in the AQ Metered Period at the Supply Meter Point being less than the actual consumption);
- (b) the installation, replacement or removal of Consumer’s Plant which results in a material change in the basis on which gas is consumed; or
- (c) the commencement of a new business activity or discontinuance of an existing business activity at the consumer’s premises.

2.3.22 A Registered User may also request a change to the Annual Quantity of a Supply Meter Point where the Uniform Network Code Validation Rules prescribe the wider tolerance band referred to in Section M5.3.4(b) by reference to the Annual Quantity of the Supply Meter Point and;

- (a) the User submits a Meter Reading (“**Rejected Meter Reading**”) for such Supply Meter Point which fails validation because it falls outside the wider tolerance band, but which all other respects is Valid; and
- (b) the User is satisfied that the Meter Reading is valid (and would not fail validation if the Annual Quantity were so changed).

2.3.23 Where a Registered User requests a change in the Annual Quantity:

- (a) it shall give notice to the CDSP specifying:
 - (i) the Supply Meter Point in respect of which the request is made;
 - (ii) in the case of a request under:

- (A) paragraph 2.3.20, which eligible cause applies and evidence of its application in relation to the Supply Meter Point;
- (B) paragraph 2.3.22, the Rejected Meter Reading and evidence that it is valid;
- (iii) the User's estimate of the Annual Quantity which shall be made in accordance with paragraph 3.2.6(a)(iii) and where applicable taking into account (in a case within paragraph 2.3.20, where applicable) the metered consumption between the Read Dates of the Valid Meter Reads referred to in paragraph (b), or (in a case within paragraph 2.3.22) the Rejected Meter Reading;
- (b) in the case of a request under paragraph 2.3.20:
 - (i) it shall submit a Valid Meter Reading with a Read Date which is no earlier than the date on which the eligible cause occurred; and
 - (ii) it may in addition submit a Valid Meter Reading with a Read Date later than the Read Date of the Meter Reading under paragraph (i).

2.3.24 A User may only give notice requesting a change in the Annual Quantity of a Supply Meter Point under paragraph 2.3.20 for an eligible cause under paragraph 2.3.21(c) where the following conditions are satisfied:

- ~~(a)~~ the notice is ~~given-submitted~~ no later than three (3) months after the Supply Point Registration Date; ~~and~~
- ~~(a)(b)~~ the User has submitted a notification under paragraph 2.3.30;
- ~~(c)~~ ~~the User was not,~~ prior to the Supply Point Registration Date, ~~and the~~ Existing Registered User ~~for-of~~ the Supply Point in which the Supply Meter Point is comprised ~~is neither~~
- ~~(i)~~ the User submitting the request for a change in the Annual Quantity; or
- ~~(b)(ii)~~ a 25% Affiliate of such User.

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2.3.25 The CDSP will reject a request for a change in the Annual Quantity where:

- (a) either:
 - (i) the eligible cause specified in the Registered User's notice has not occurred or (as the case may be) the Rejected Meter Reading was not Valid;
 - (ii) the Registered User's estimate of the Annual Quantity is not made in accordance with paragraph 3.2.6(a)(iii);
- ~~(b)~~ in a case within paragraph 2.3.22, the User does not submit a Rejected Meter Reading;
- ~~(b)(c)~~ in a case within paragraph 2.3.24, any of the conditions are not satisfied.

2.3.26 Within 2 Business Days of receipt of a request under paragraph 2.3.20 or 2.3.22 the CDSP will notify the User if the request is accepted or rejected (in which case the CDSP will notify the User of the reasons for the rejection).

2.3.27 Subject to paragraphs 2.3.28 and 2.3.31, where the CDSP accepts a request for a change in Annual Quantity of a Supply Meter Point:

- (a) with effect from and including the first Day of the first month which begins at least 15 Supply Point Systems Business Days after the date on which the User gave notice pursuant to paragraph 2.3.23(a), and until the next AQ Calculation Month under paragraph (c) the Annual Quantity for the Supply Meter Point shall be the estimate specified in the User's notice under paragraph 2.3.23(a);
- (b) in a case within paragraph 2.3.22, the Rejected Meter Reading (as resubmitted at the User's request) will be accepted;
- (c) the next AQ Calculation Month shall be the first month in relation to which a Qualifying Meter Reading, with a Read Date not less than 9 months after the Read Date of the Meter Reading referred to in paragraph 2.3.22(b) or (as the case may be) the Rejected Meter Reading, is submitted in the AQ Read Submission Period; and
- (d) the CDSP shall notify the User five (5) Supply Point Systems Business Days prior to the date the change in Annual Quantity is given effect in accordance with paragraph (a) of the new Annual Quantity for the Supply Meter Point.

2.3.28 A User may cancel a request for a change in the Annual Quantity of a Supply Meter Point by giving the CDSP at least 8 Supply Point Systems Business Days' notice prior to the date the change would be given effect in accordance with paragraph 2.3.27(a) and if the CDSP receives such notice, the previously accepted request shall not take effect, and the Annual Quantity of the Supply Meter Point shall be unchanged.

2.3.29 Where at any time prior to the Supply Point Registration Date the User considers that any Annual Quantity of a Supply Point comprising a New Supply Meter Point which has been recorded on the Supply Point Register does not reflect the User's estimate of the correct quantity then the User shall promptly (and in any event before the Supply Point Registration Date) notify the CDSP of the same together with its estimate of the correct Annual Quantity.

2.3.30 For the purposes of paragraph 2.3.24 a User may submit to the CDSP a notification to confirm in respect of the User:

(a) that no other Shipper User qualifies as a 25% Affiliate; or

(b) the identity of each other Shipper User who qualifies as a 25% Affiliate

and the User shall promptly submit a further notification to the CDSP in the event the details in an earlier notification cease to be correct.

2.3.292.3.31 Where following the acceptance of a request for a change in the Annual Quantity under paragraph 2.3.24 it is determined the condition in paragraph 2.3.24(c)(ii) was not satisfied paragraph 2.3.27 shall be deemed not to have applied in respect of the request (notwithstanding the CDSP's acceptance of the request at the time it was submitted).

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