

UNC 0882:

Mod Title: Transparency of non-standard gas quality parameters at new entry connections to the NTS



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Why change?



- A National Gas Markets Plan (GMaP) project report concluded there are framework issues to be resolved and a lack of transparency for industry on gas quality specifications for new NTS connections.
- The recommendation was to focus this increased transparency on requests that are non-standard, being those outside of the National Gas Transmission (NGT) published specification (currently in the Gas Ten Year statement).
- TPD Section I provides for transparency regarding existing NTS connections where modifications to Gas Entry Conditions are requested.
- No obligation exists currently regarding transparency on new connections.
- NGT is now receiving more requests for non-standard specifications relating to oxygen for biomethane projects.

Options



- 1. UNC Modification to provide an obligation on transparency on NGT for new connections requesting a gas quality parameter to have a value which is outside the current Gas Ten Year Statement specification.
- 2. NGT could provide more transparency without any obligation to do so seeking agreement from the connecting party each time.
- 3. Do nothing – no change to current situation.

Solution



- Amend TPD to include an obligation on NGT to engage with industry as appropriate to share information relating to potential new gas quality specifications, outside of the published specification for new connections to the NTS.
- Development of the Modification's solution within workgroup to consider the information required, timing of information appropriate and methods of communication.
- Consideration to be given to NTS Connection timelines in TPD V 13 with a limited solution to the minimum requirement to have minimal impact on the connecting party whilst increasing transparency.

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
 - Subject to Self-Governance
 - Workgroup assessment to develop the modification for 5 months with report back to Panel proposed for 21st November 2024.