

Draft Modification Report
Amendment to UK Link Class 2 (and Class 3) Modifications Timetable
Modification Reference Number 0613
Version 2.0

This Draft Modification Report is made pursuant to Rule 7.3 of the Modification Rules and follows the format required under Rule 8.9.3.

1. The Modification Proposal

At present Transco consults with the UK Link Committee regarding the implementation plan for Class 2 and Class 3 Modifications. However the timetable for notifying, commenting and revising Class 2 or Class 3 Modifications is out of synch with the frequency of UK Link Committee meetings and results in consultations being done in an ad hoc manner. This modification to the Network Code would amend the current timetable for issuing and responding to Transco or User System Modifications so that it is more efficient and effective. Both Class 2 and Class 3 modifications would be subject to the same procedures.

2. Transco's Opinion

Transco does not believe that this proposal is required. In fact it is concerned that any reduction in the time allowed for Users to submit comments to system change proposals may result in fewer and less well developed responses which could dilute the consultation process to the possible detriment of all parties.

3. Extent to which the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives

The proposer states that implementation "would better facilitate the relevant objective of facilitating competition in gas shipping and supply and the efficient operation of the system". Transco is not clear how this would be achieved.

4. The implications for Transco of implementing the Modification Proposal , including
a) implications for the operation of the System:

Transco is not aware of any implications for operation of the System.

b) development and capital cost and operating cost implications:

Transco is not aware of any further development, capital or operating costs, which would arise from implementation of this Proposal.

c) extent to which it is appropriate for Transco to recover the costs, and proposal for the most appropriate way for Transco to recover the costs:

Transco does not intend to recover any development costs from Users.

d) analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation:

Transco is not aware of any consequences this Proposal would have on price regulation.

5. The consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal on the level of contractual risk to Transco under the Network Code as modified by the Modification Proposal

Implementation of this Modification Proposal would not affect Transco's contractual risk under the Network Code.

6. The development implications and other implications for computer systems of Transco and related computer systems of Users

Transco is not aware of any development implications for computer systems of Transco and Users.

7. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Users

Users would have a reduced period of ten working days to submit comments to Transco on proposed UK Link change proposals.

8. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Terminal Operators, Consumers, Connected System Operators, Suppliers, producers and, any Non-Network Code Party

Transco is not aware of any such implications.

9. Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of Transco and each User and Non-Network Code Party of implementing the Modification Proposal

Transco is unaware of any effect on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of Transco and each User and non-Network Code party of implementing the Modification Proposal.

10. Analysis of any advantages or disadvantages of implementation of the Modification Proposal

Advantages.

- It would create a monthly timetable for issuing and responding to Transco or User system modifications.
- UK Link Committee members would be able to take account of Users' non confidential comments on system change proposals, which may facilitate their decision making, however this could be achieved by an amendment to the Committee's terms of reference without the need to make a Network Code modification.

Disadvantages.

- Users would have a reduced period of ten working days to submit comments to Transco on proposed UK Link change proposals, compared to the present fifteen.
- Class 3 Modifications are subject to Transco making a modification proposal in accordance with the Modification Rules, which involves the Modification Panel and this would not necessarily fit in with the set monthly timetable.
- A set monthly timetable would remove the flexibility currently available in the existing process and may result in unnecessary delays in order to fit in with it.
- Transco also believes it would increase its administrative workload rather than the proposer's claim of reducing it.

11. Summary of the Representations (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in the Modification Report)

Transco now invites representations to this Modification Proposal.

12. The extent to which the implementation is required to enable Transco to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation

Transco does not believe that implementation of this Modification Proposal is required to enable Transco to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation.

13. The extent to which the implementation is required having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 4(5) or the statement furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 4(1) of the Licence

Transco does not believe that implementation of this Modification Proposal is required in respect of any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 4(5) of the Statement; furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 4(1) of the Licence.

14. Programme of works required as a consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal

Transco is not aware of any programme of works that would be required as a consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal.

15. Proposed implementation timetable (including timetable for any necessary information systems changes)

Transco does not recommend implementation and therefore no implementation timetable is proposed.

16. Recommendation concerning the implementation of the Modification Proposal

Transco does not recommend implementation of this proposal.

17. Text

Representations are now sought in respect of this Draft Report and prior to Transco finalising the Report

Signed for and on behalf of Transco.

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