

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0531

"Revision of Existing AQ Appeals Window"

Version 1.0

Date: 13/02/2002

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/07/2002

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

Transco has reviewed the existing AQ process in conjunction with the AQ sub-group of the SPA/Metering Workstream and identified that a change to the present AQ appeals process for Larger Supply Points could be expected to result in the applied AQ being a more appropriate estimate of annual gas consumption.

Should this proposal be implemented benefits can also be expected to flow through to RbD in the form of more reflective gas consumption and the complex rules for AQ Appeals currently in force within the Network Code would be simplified and greater flexibility in the processing of appeals would be introduced.

Nature of Proposal

This Proposal introduces changes to the existing AQ Process by recommending the removal of the restrictions currently in force in respect of processing appeals. The existing regime currently offers differing windows of opportunity as detailed below:

Appeal Type	Appeals Window	Network Code Reference
New Business	Jan 1 - 31 May	G1.6.11
AQ Change	Oct 1 - 31 Dec	G1.6.13(a)(i)
Change in Use	Oct 1 - 31 Dec	G1.6.13(a)(ii)
Manifest Error	Jan 1 - 31 May	G1.6.13(b)(i)
Threshold Crossers	Jan 1 - 31 May	G1.6.13(b)(ii)

This Proposal would remove these restrictions and allow all types of Appeals to be processed all year round in respect of Larger Supply Meter Points (it would however be necessary to suspend this facility for a limited period between 1st August and 14th September inclusive each year in order to facilitate AQ re-calculation processing).

Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this Proposal is to improve the existing AQ process by permitting the Registered User to ensure that the applied AQ represents a more timely estimate of gas consumption by the

removal of the existing restrictions on appeals. This should also result in increased customer satisfaction, and more equitable cost allocation to Users.

Consequence of not making this change

The consequence of not making this change would be to forego the opportunity of improving the present AQ process as described. However the existing process is robust and has a proven track record over several years but has been criticised as being inflexible.

Area of Network Code Concerned

G1.6.11, G1.6.13(a)(i), G1.6.13(a)(ii), G1.6.13(b)(i), G1.6.13(b)(ii)

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