

**TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0458**  
"Deferment of Definite Gate Closure Times for Daily System Entry Capacity Bids"  
Version 1.0

**Date:** 16/03/2001

**Proposed Implementation Date:** 01/04/2001

**Urgency:** Urgent

**Justification**

Following direction to implement Modification Proposal 0432, Transco is required to introduce definite gate closure times for daily system entry capacity bids from 1 April 2001. Problems have recently been encountered within the latter stages of the systems development work that have raised doubt regarding the successful introduction of this systems facility by the due date. Therefore Transco proposes a modification to Network Code to defer the implementation date until 1 July 2001 which will facilitate resolution of the problems encountered and system testing to be completed. Transco seeks that the modification proposal proceeds via the Urgent route to allow implementation prior to 1 April 2001.

**Nature of Proposal**

It is proposed that the planned introduction of definite gate closure times for daily system entry capacity bids is deferred for three months with a revised implementation date of 1 July 2001. This follows problems that have recently been encountered within the development of the Oracle software which supports the RGTA capacity system which have made an introduction of the facility by 1 April 2001 unrealistic. The current date for the implementation of definite gate closure times was introduced to Network Code following approval of Modification 0432.

**Purpose of Proposal**

The proposal will provide time for problems that have been encountered during system development to be resolved and further system testing to be completed. The revised implementation date will allow definite gate closure times to be delivered with systems support.

**Consequence of not making this change**

From April 2001, Transco will be placed in the position of operating the daily capacity auctions outside of Network Code as the necessary changes to the RGTA capacity system have not been delivered according to the intended timetable.

**Area of Network Code Concerned**

Section B - System Use and Capacity, Paragraph 2.5

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