

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0465
"Amendments to the NTS Entry Capacity Auction Period"
Version 1.0

Date: 09/05/2001

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/06/2001

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

To allow the next set of NTS Entry Capacity auctions to run for a period of 6 months, to match the expiry of the current Transco Price Control, and to allow time for the development of the full suite of changes to the auctions required to accommodate the NTS Entry Capacity regime from 1st April 2002 onwards. Urgent status is required to ensure that unnecessary work is not carried out by the industry.

Purpose of Proposal

The Network Code currently requires Transco to produce NTS Entry Capacity Availability for a gas year by 30th June in the previous gas year. They are then required to run the auctions for the capacity in the next gas year by no later than specified dates in August. The purpose of this Modification is to require the data publication by 30th June to only cover the period 15th October 2001 to 31st March 2002 inclusive, and that the auctions should only cover that 6 month period. It is also intended to amend the latest dates for MSEC and MISEC auctions such that MSEC auctions must also be completed first.

Nature of Proposal

The next NTS Entry Capacity Auctions should only be for the 6 month period October 2001 to March 2002 inclusive. Only capacity details relating to this period are required to be published by Transco by 30th June.

Consequence of not making this change

Should this change not be introduced Transco would be required to publish Entry Capacity data for a period beyond the current formula, when it is anticipated that different rules would apply. Similarly, Transco and Shippers would be expected to participate in an auction for a period when again it is anticipated that the rules pertaining to such auctions and hence valuation of the product will be different.

Area of Network Code concerned

Section B2 and Transition Document Part 11

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