

Development Work Group Terms of Reference
Modification Proposal 0042
Provision For Unbundled Meter Ownership and Installation Service

Modification Proposal

To set up a Development Work Group to examine options and establish sound principles to ensure that an Unbundled choice of Meter installation service and ownership is available from April 1997.

Areas to be considered include:

- Siteworks - quotations, nominations and confirmations.
- Recording of meter ownership.
- Appropriate charging for transportation.
- Information flows.

Scope of Development Group

A structured approach needs to be taken towards the method by which Meter Competition may be introduced into the UK Gas Industry.

In order to facilitate this, thought needs to be given to the aims of the project, the way in which changes to the Network Code and I.T systems are implemented, the detail of these changes and the impact on shipper systems.

An early systems milestone will be required (see timetable) to include validation of systems planning assumptions.

Work Group Composition

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Gary Morrison	TransCo
Matt Golding	TransCo
Phil Monk	TransCo
Andy Watson	TransCo
Geoff Brown	TransCo
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Althea DaSilva	TransCo
Steve Brown	Quadrant
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John Nangle	Amerada Hess
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Graham Reid	Pan Energy
Kevin Bennett	Eastern NG

Martin Pascal	IGE
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Claire Robinson	Ofgas

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TransCo are to so arrange their systems as to facilitate competition in meter installation and ownership. In order to do this a number of key issues must be achieved by April 1997 and are therefore critical to the success of the project.

These are:

- Results of OFGAS trial assimilated
- Gas transportation charges provided to relevant shippers, unbundled of meter installation and ownership elements
- Network Code modifications identified and successfully implemented
- Shipper needs understood and addressed
- System changes fully scoped, tested and implemented
- Full customer understanding of business impact created
- Regulatory views identified and strategies fully developed in response

Due to the impact that this project will have on I.T systems, the Network Code and the industry, the Development Work Group will need to formulate and agree changes to the Network Code in readiness for April 1997.

This group will consist of interested parties from within TransCo as well as Shipper representatives and OFGAS. The group will meet as and when required, providing regular reports to the Network Code Modification Panel.

Work Group Activity

The work group will be presented with a set of "event deliverables" which will help the group to develop the Network Code systems and procedural modifications that are necessary, in order to successfully implement the projects aims.

The group will also be required to liaise with TransCo and Shippers in order to deal with any issues outside the group that may need addressing.

Timetable

Mod Panel approval gained	18/7/96
Convene Development Work Group	01/8/96
Monthly report for Mod Panel	15/8/96
Monthly report for Mod Panel	12/9/96
Monthly report for Mod Panel (To include validation of systems planning assumptions)	10/10/96
Work Group report for Mod Panel	07/11/96
Draft Modification Report for Mod Panel	07/11/96
Circulate to Shippers	11/11/96
Close out for Representations	25/11/96

Finalise Mod Report	26/11/96
Issue to Director and circulate to Shippers	27/11/96
Test Changes	29/11/96
Implement Changes	01/04/97