

Review Work Group Final Terms of Reference
Review Proposal 0091R
Opening Read Process - Tolerance Checking

Nature of Review Proposal

TransCo(MR) does not provide an opening read service for the domestic market. Thus, where a Shipper has selected TransCo (MR) to provide its meter read service, even where that Shipper has to provide its own opening read service for the domestic market, the read is subject to the Validation Rules as applies to the TransCo(MR) service. These Validation Rules require an opening read to be rejected if it fails the tolerance check. Modification Proposal 0091 will change the Validation Rules which apply to TransCo(MR) such that it will not reject opening reads based on tolerance checking where such a tolerance is based on a default AQ or default 1 March read. Instead these reads will be marked as failing tolerance checking.

Scope of Review Group

To look at Validation Rules as apply to Opening Reads where TransCo (MR) is the Meter Reading Service Provider.

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Terms of Reference

The Review will consider:

1. The number of Opening Reads that are failing tolerance checking where such a tolerance is based on default AQ's/1st March reads.
2. Problems caused by not rejecting Opening Reads in these circumstances.

3. Whether further changes to the validation rules as apply to TransCo (MR) to resolve problems identified in (2) above, for Opening Reads, should be made.
4. Whether different validation rules should apply for Opening Reads in the Domestic and Industrial & Commercial markets.
5. Should this change only be temporary for the initial opening up of further phases of Domestic Competition.

Timetable

The first meeting of the Review Group will take place after Domestic Competition Phase 2 (March 1997). In view of this, the six month review period commencing from Urgent Modification 0091 being subject to Review Procedures expires in June 1997. A three month extension to August 1997 is therefore requested.