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Urgent Modification 92 (Decision)
Cut-off Time for Receipt of SPA Batch Files

This modification has been approved by Ofgas.

Previous Position

Batch file communications could be sent to TransCo anytime up to 24:00 for processing on that day. This meant that in practice files sent close to the end of the day could not always be processed that day resulting in some records being rejected, although liabilities could be payable in these circumstances. The receipt of opening/closing reads for the domestic market was set at 16:00 hrs.

New Position

The modification changes the timings for receipt by TransCo for files to be processed that day from 24:00 hrs to:-

23:00 hrs	Confirmations, Nominations, Supply point Changes, Withdrawals and Objections, Isolations & Reconnections
21:00 hrs	Meter readings (excluding domestic opening/closing reads)
16:00 hrs	Customer Amendments, Emergency Contacts, Reference Amendment

The timing for domestic opening/closing reads remains at 16:00 hrs.

In practice these times clarify the latest that TransCo will process files for that day but will not in itself alter the level of service that was being previously provided by TransCo. Although this change is necessary for the start of phase 2 of domestic competition, a shipper has suggested that TransCo's systems be reviewed prior to domestic competition phase 3. TransCo has agreed to this review.

Possible impact on customers

Files sent for processing later than these times when the latest date is that day may be rejected as having been sent too late. This could result in a confirmation with a specific start day being rejected. However, in practice, confirmations sent after 23:00 hrs were in some cases rejecting because there was insufficient time for TransCo's systems to process the file. This modification should not materially change what was previously occurring.

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