

URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0092

TITLE: Cut-Off Time for Receipt of SPA Batch Files

DATE: 4 November 1996

PROPOSED

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 1 January 1997

URGENCY: The extension of Domestic Competition will lead to a large increase in the number of SPA batch files transactions. The cut-off timing for a batch file will thus become much more significant. This modification is urgent as sufficient time must be allowed to provide the necessary functionality to support it before the extension of Domestic Competition.

JUSTIFICATION: Currently, the Network Code does not stipulate any cut-off time for the submission of batch files within a Business Day. This means that a file may be submitted immediately before midnight and will not be capable of being processed on the "same" day, thus distorting all successive time based measures.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE:

A transaction that is not processed on the "same" day, because it is received after the batch cut-off times currently applied, may then be rejected because it has apparently not been received in time. i.e. the proposed registration date is less than 15 Business Days. This may then lead to supplier's contracts with end users having different start dates to the Network Code registration date, with resultant confusion for end user billing.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

Section G

NATURE OF PROPOSAL:

To prevent such timing problems occurring, it is proposed that the Network Code be modified to reflect a processing day which has specified latest times for receipt of batch files. Depending on the data type submitted, Shippers must place files in the export directory of their gateway by this latest time. These files will then be treated as being received on that Business Day.

The data types and their proposed latest times are as follows:-

Domestic Competition Opening Meter Readings from Shippers		16.00 hours
CNF - Confirmations	- CNFPR10Bs	20.00 hours
NOM - Nominations	- NOMPR10Bs	20.00 hours
SPC - Supply Point Changes	- SPOPR10Bs	20.00 hours
WAO - Withdrawals & Objections	- OJTPR10Bs	20.00 hours
IAR - Isolations & Reconnections	- ISLPR10Bs	20.00 hours

CNC - Customer Amendments	- CTTRC20Bs	16.00 hours
EMC - Emergency Contacts	- CTTCR10Bs	16.00 hours
Meter Readings from the MRA (Meter Reading Agency)		21.00 hours

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

This proposal will bring clarity to the date on which files are regarded as being originated. It will remove the confusion and clearly establish practical rules for batch file processing.

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