

Dear Colleague,

Teleconference Agenda: Pre-Modification Panel Briefing
Documentation at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/160715
Teleconference details: 0207 950 1251, access code 21870295#

Please note that we will be hosting a pre-Modification Panel briefing by teleconference starting at 13:00 on Monday 13 July 2015. Discussions will be based on the Modification Panel agenda (www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/160715).

This pre-Panel briefing is intended to provide, in particular, an opportunity for smaller parties, including customer representatives as well as smaller Shippers and Suppliers, an opportunity to feed views into the modification process at critical stages. We therefore expect to focus on new Modifications and those on which the Panel will debate whether or not implementation is supported. Similar teleconferences are held on the Monday prior to each monthly Modification Panel meeting (third Thursday of the month). Any views on which information would be most helpful to you, or on the time and format of the teleconference, would be welcome.

Modifications that are on this month's Panel agenda are:

New Modifications

Modification 0540 – Amendment to TPD Section G2.15

Proposed by Scotia Gas Networks

This housekeeping modification proposes to amend references in UNC TPD Section G2.15 to refer to 2.15 rather than 2.12.

The Proposer is seeking fast-track self-governance status for this modification.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0540>

Modification 0541 – Removal of uncontrollable UNC charges at ASEP's which include sub-terminals operating on a 06.00 to 06.00 Gas Day via an ex-ante, quantity adjustment

Modification 0542 - Ex-ante removal of uncontrollable UNC charges at ASEP's which include sub-terminals operating on a 06.00 to 06.00 Gas Day

Modification 0543 - Ex-post removal of uncontrollable UNC charges at ASEP's which include sub-terminals operating on a 06.00 to 06.00 Gas Day

Proposed by EDF Trading (0541), BP (0542) and Gazprom Energy (0543)

These modifications propose to address in three different ways the same issue, which is a consequence of the change to the GB Gas Day (under Modification 0461) to an 05.00 start effective from 01 October 2015. This change has only been applied, via the UNC, to the downstream system and some gas entry terminals will continue to operate to the prior 06.00 arrangements.

The Shipper's Claims Validation Agent would therefore receive terminal data on a '6 to 6' basis and NTS data on a '5 to 5' basis. Allocating flows on the basis of different aggregate daily quantities will produce a mismatch. The Proposers believe this is not a result of a failure to balance and is not something they can mitigate, nor is the treatment of the monies raised

consistent with the EU Regulation that brought about the change in the first instance.

0541 proposes to amend each User's User Daily Quantity Input (UDQI) at affected terminals so no mismatches are created.

0542 proposes to remove any resulting charges before they are levied by using the '6-6' UDQI at affected terminals

0543 proposes to reimburse affected Users by creating a second category of Capacity and Balancing Neutrality charges applicable only where required to address mismatches.

The Proposers are not seeking self-governance status for these modifications, believing that they may have a material effect on competition. Panel will be asked if the proposals are to be treated as formal Alternatives (which isn't possible until 0541 has been sent to a Workgroup for assessment).

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0541>

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0542>

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0543>

Modification 0544 – Amendment to Charging under Modification 0428 – Single Meter Supply Points

Proposed by Gazprom Energy

Please note that this modification was withdrawn on 02 July 2015 and is included here only for completeness.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0544>

Modification 0545 – Changes to GDN Mod 186 Publication Dates

Proposed by Northern Gas Networks

This modification proposes to amend the publication dates for the Gas Distribution Network's quarterly reporting under Modification 0186, which set out GDN's revenues and costs to assist Shipper's own financial planning. Introducing a slight delay to the reporting would enable more use of actual costs rather than forecasts.

The Proposer is seeking self-governance status for this modification, since it is unlikely to have a material impact upon competition.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0545>

Modification 0546 – Reduction of the Minimum Eligible Quantity (100,000kWh) for European IP capacity

Proposed by National Grid NTS

This modification proposes to reduce the minimum eligible quantity applicable for capacity bids and surrender offers at Interconnection Points (IPs) to 1 kWh. This is particularly relevant at the Moffat IP due to some characteristics of the Irish networks

The Proposer is seeking self-governance status for this modification, since it is unlikely to have a material impact upon competition.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0546>

Modification 0547 – Corrections to the EID arising from implementation of Modifications 0493/0500

Proposed by National Grid NTS

This modification proposes to make amendments to the legal text for the European Interconnection Document (EID) introduced following the implementation of Modifications 0493 and 0500. It is required to correct typographical errors, provide additional clarification and enhancements and to correct/add/delete references

The Proposer is seeking self-governance status for this modification, since it is unlikely to have a material impact upon competition.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0547>

Implementation Recommendations

Modification 0525 - Enabling EU Compliant Interconnection Agreements

This modification proposes a number of changes to enable compliance with the new European Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange (INT), most significantly to establish industry consultation and suitable governance for Interconnection Agreements (IAs). It also addresses existing arrangements for User Agents that are no longer required at Interconnection Points under the new allocation arrangements introduced by Modification 0510: Reform of Gas Allocation Regime at GB Interconnection Points.

The Consultation doesn't close until the end of business on 09 July.

Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether they recommend implementation.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0525>

Modification 0529 - Implementation of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements (Project Nexus transitional modification)

This modification proposes transitional arrangements to identify the terms under which a Shipper may request retrospective adjustments (as implemented by 0434 Project Nexus – Retrospective Adjustment) in the period immediately following implementation of Nexus and relating to the data in the current regime.

Of the 3 representations received, implementation was unanimously supported; respondents agreed with the proposer that this modification provides appropriate transition arrangements.

Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether they recommend implementation.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0529>

Self Governance

Modification 0518S - Shipper Verification of meter and address details following system meter removals

The Gas Safety (Installation & Use) Regulations (GS(I&U)R) require services to be left in a safe condition following a meter removal, an obligation which Transporters carry out on behalf of Suppliers. This modification has been raised to improve the way Transporters liaise with Shippers to identify sites that have already been disconnected, wish to use gas in future or which have meters on site.

Of the 6 representations received, implementation was unanimously supported; respondents generally agreed with the proposer that this modification introduces improvements to the process that would contribute to improved industry-wide data quality.

Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether the modification should be implemented.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0518>

Modification 0523S - Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of ‘faster switching’ for Shared Supply Meter Points

This modification seeks to build on Modification 0477, Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching, which was implemented on 07 November 2014, enabling ‘faster switching’ to take place for all Supply Point categories with the exception of Shared Supply Meter Points (SSMPs). Workgroup 0477 excluded SSMPs from the scope of Modification 0477 as the Shipper User transfer process is dealt with manually under the ‘unique sites’ procedures. Now that the systems requirements and impacts for SSMPs are understood, it is timely that this modification be progressed which would bring the Shipper User transfer timescales for SSMPs in line with all other Supply Points.

Of the 4 representations received, implementation was unanimously supported; respondents agreed with the proposer that this modification would extend the scope of earlier faster switching initiatives, which would be to the benefit of affected consumers.

Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether the modification should be implemented.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0523>

I hope this summary is helpful.

Regards,

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