

**Draft Modification Report**  
**Modification Reference Number 0079**

This modification report is made pursuant to Rule 8.12 (**Standard**) of the Modification Rules and follows the format required under Rule 8.12.4.

**1. The Modification Proposal;**

The Benchmark Configuration as listed in the UK Link Overview Manual, particularly Appendix 7 which is legally binding, is out of date; some of the components listed are now obsolete and no longer available from suppliers. The problem of obsolescence will continually recur as technology moves on, making it necessary to raise Class 3 Modifications on a regular basis to keep the detailed information in the UK Link Manual current.

Mod 0079 removes the legally-binding text related to component details from the UK Link Manual. These details include software versions, manufacturer or supplier names, and costs. Where these details apply to Transco-available equipment or software, or to equipment or software which Users must supply themselves, then the details will be published and change-controlled on the Shipper Information Service (SIS).

**2. Transco's Opinion;**

All representations to date, including the view of the Workgroup, have been in support this Modification. In Transco's opinion, the Modification will benefit all parties and should be implemented at the earliest opportunity.

**3. Extent to which the modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives;**

This proposed Modification completely satisfies its objectives as stated in the Proposal above.

**4. The implications for Transco of implementing the Modification Proposal, including:**

- **implications for the operation of System and any BG Storage Facility**
- **development and capital cost and operating cost implications**
- **extent to which it is appropriate for Transco to recover the costs, and proposal for the most appropriate way for Transco to recover the costs**
- **analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation;**

Not applicable

**5. The consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal on the level of contractual risk to Transco under the Network Code as modified by the Modification Proposal;**

Not applicable

6. The development implications and other implications for computer systems of Transco and related computer systems of Relevant Shippers;

The implementation of this Modification will involve the creation of a database on (SIS) to publish information currently held in the UK Link Manual. All Users on the I'X Network will have read access to this database.

7. The implications of implementing the modification for Relevant Shippers.

All Users on the I'X Network will benefit by having current and proposed benchmark configuration information published on SIS and updated in accordance with change controlled procedures as required and with due notification to Users.

8. The implications of implementing of the modification for terminal operators, suppliers, producers and any Non-Network Code Party;

See 7. above. So that all Users on the I'X Network (not just UK Link Users) can review the network connection information published on SIS, the **UK Link Manual will require an additional change, not included in the text of the original modification.** Within Appendix 7, there is a table of items available to each category of User; this table will be modified so that **all categories of User will have access (albeit restricted) to information on SIS.**

9. Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of Transco and each Relevant Shipper and Non-Network Code Party (if any), of the implementation of the Modification Proposal;

None.

10. Analysis of any advantages or disadvantages of the implementation of the Modification Proposal;

The advantage is that it will no longer be necessary to raise Class 3 Modifications on a regular basis to keep the detailed information in the UK Link Manual current.

No disadvantages have been identified.

11. Summary of the representations (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in the modification report);

Representations supporting the Modification were received from Kinetica (30 October 1996) and Mobil Gas Marketing (UK) Ltd. (1 November 1996).

Representation supporting the SIS prototype was received from BGT (27 February 1997).

12. The extent to which the implementation is required to enable Transco to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation;

Not applicable.

13. Programme of works required as a consequence of the implementation of the Modification Proposal:

Implementation of this Modification will involve a re-issue of Sections 1, 2 and 5 and Appendices 7 and 8 of the UK Link Manual, and the development of the Benchmark Configuration database on SIS.

14. Proposed implementation timetable:

Suggested implementation in mid-April.

15. Recommendation for the implementation of the modification:

Transco and the Development Workgroup recommend implementation of this Modification.

16. Transco Proposal

This Modification Report contains TransCo's proposal to modify the UK Link Manual; Transco now seeks a direction from the Director General in accordance with this report.

17. Text provided pursuant to Rule 8.14 (Standard)

Revised Sections 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 of the UK Link Overview Manual are attached.

Signed for and on behalf of BG Transco.

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 17/4/97.

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Position: PROJECT MANAGER I.X.

Director General of Gas Supply Response

In accordance with Condition 7 (10) (b) of the Standard Conditions of Public Gas Transporters' Licences dated 21st February 1996 I hereby direct BG Transco that the above proposal be made as a modification to the network code.

Signed for and on behalf of the Director General of Gas Supply.

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Position:

The Network Code is hereby modified, with effect from \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the above proposal.

Signature:

Secretary Network Code Modification Panel  
BG Transco