

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Benchmark Configuration as listed in the UK Link Overview Manual, particularly Appendix 7 which is legally binding, is out of date; some of the components listed are now obsolete and no longer available from suppliers.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 IX Network will have read access to this database.

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

All Users on the IX 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 IX 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 proposal. 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.

In a representation received from BGT (1 May 1997), BGT '*...look forward to receiving proposals for any charges relating to provision of this service'* to non-User UK Link Users. Non-User UK Link Users fund the equipment and software required to access UK Link, in this case, Lotus Notes client software and installation disk; there are currently no UK Link subscription charges levied on any category of User.

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).

Representation supporting the Draft Modification Report was received from BGT (1 May 1997) with two specific comments which are reflected in Sections 8 and 14.

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:

After a suggestion from BGT in its representation of 1 May 1997, it is proposed that the implementation date is put forward two months, to mid-June.

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: 
P.A. SUSAN KENT.

Date: 16/5/97.

Name: SUSAN KENT.

Position: LEAD MANAGER, I X DEVELOPMENT.

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: 28/5/97

Name: KYRAN HANKS

Position: HEAD OF NETWORK OPERATIONS

ANNEX

Restrictive Trade Practices Act - Suspense Clause

For the purposes of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976, this document forms part of the Agreement relating to the Network Code which has been exempted from the Act pursuant to the provisions of the Restrictive Trade Practices (Gas Conveyance and Storage) Order 1996. Additional information inserted into the document since the previous version constitutes a variation of the Agreement and as such, this document must contain the following suspense clause.

1. Suspense Clause

1.1 Any provision contained in this Agreement or in any arrangement of which this Agreement forms part by virtue of which this Agreement or such arrangement is subject to registration under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 shall not come into effect:

- (i) if a copy of the Agreement is not provided to the Director General of Gas Supply (the "Director") within 28 days of the date on which the Agreement is made; or
- (ii) if, within 28 days of the provision of the copy, the Director gives notice in writing, to the party providing it, that he does not approve the Agreement because it does not satisfy the criterion specified in paragraph 2(3) of the Schedule to The Restrictive Trade Practices (Gas Conveyance and Storage) Order 1996.

provided that if the Director does not so approve the Agreement then Clause 1.2 shall apply.

1.2 Any provision contained in this Agreement or in any arrangement of which this Agreement forms part by virtue of which this Agreement or such arrangement is subject to registration under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 shall not come into effect until the day following the date on which particulars of this Agreement and of any such arrangement have been furnished to the Office of Fair Trading under Section 24 of the Act (or on such later date as may be provided for in relation to any such provision) and the parties hereto agree to furnish such particulars within three months of the date of this Agreement.