

URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0090

TITLE: Opening Read Process - Wider Read Window

DATE: 4 November 1996

PROPOSED

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 1 January 1997

URGENCY: 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: There is the potential for a large number of supply point transfers as Domestic Competition extends. There is a need to allow sufficient time both for suppliers to obtain valid transfer reads and for Shippers to compile them in a form suitable for onward transmission to TransCo. If insufficient time is allowed then estimated transfer reads derived using default values may be generated, possibly leading to large increases in meter read queries and replacement opening reads, with possible implications on end user billing.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE:

One of the lessons learnt from Domestic Competition Phase 1 was that the process of providing Shipper transfer reads needs to be improved. Shipper/Suppliers need more time to receive and compile transfer reads in a form suitable for onward transmission to TransCo, and TransCo need more time in which to process these reads. Failure to allow sufficient time to obtain and utilise Shipper provided transfer reads will lead to estimated opening reads being provided by TransCo. These will be different to end user's expectations and will lead to invoice disputes.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

G3.3.2, M3.8.2 and M3.8.3.

NATURE OF PROPOSAL:

The proposal is to allow Shippers a wider window in which to obtain the opening read. The present window of D-2 to D+2 will be extended to D-5 to D+2. The read date will still be deemed to have been the transfer date (D). To allow TransCo sufficient time in which to process this read it needs to be provided to TransCo by 16.00 on D+5.

These proposed changes will affect the whole of the competitive market, but will not affect the meter reading service provided by TransCo. The opening meter read service that TransCo(MR) provides will still be to obtain an opening read within the present window of D-2 to D+2.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

The purpose of the modification is to ensure that as far as is possible opening reads as provided by Shippers are used as Shipper Transfer reads, rather than TransCo generated estimates.

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