

MODIFICATION PROPOSAL 0098a

SHORT TITLE: Changes to the NTS Capacity Booking Rules

DATE: 13 November 1996

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 1 January 1997

URGENCY: Non Urgent

JUSTIFICATION: Over the past few weeks, the operation of the NTS Capacity Booking Regime since the introduction of the Code, has been under review. This review has resulted in proposals to change the Capacity Overrun Multipliers and a modification that temporarily reduce the lead time required for entry bookings commencing on 1st & 2nd October 1996. During these discussions it has become evident that some further minor modifications to the Code will make the service more User friendly and more closely aligned to User requirements.

Under the current rules, if a User should miss the application deadline for a particular eligible date, it will be prevented from booking capacity for up to 1 week. Also, with a limited number of eligible dates, aligning Exit Capacity bookings with DM Supply Point acquisitions can be problematic under the current arrangements.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE:

The eligible capacity booking dates will continue to be limited to the 56 listed in Annex B-1. For capacity bookings, the lead times between application and registration will continue to be variable and depend on the number of non-business days in the intervening period.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

B 2.2.2(b)

B 2.2.5

B 2.2.6

B 3.2.2(b)

B 3.2.5

B 3.2.6

Annex B-1

NATURE OF PROPOSAL:

- 1) Every day, except 29th February, will become an Eligible Capacity Registration Date.
- 2) References to "Business Days" in the above paragraphs of the Code will be amended to "Days".

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

These changes will simplify the booking of capacity, enabling Users to book at 1 calendar week's notice, to commence on any day of the year.

If a User misses the application deadline for a particular eligible date, it will only be prevented from booking capacity for 1 day. Although these changes are predominately relevant at Exit, it is believed that Users will benefit if they are also incorporated into the Entry booking rules.

Example

To book Capacity to commence on 22nd March, the latest date to make an application will be 15th March.

PROPOSED TEXT:

To Follow

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MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

SHORT TITLE: Changes to NTS Capacity Booking Eligible Dates

DATE: 18 November 1996

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION
DATE: February 1997

URGENCY: Non-urgent

JUSTIFICATION:

Experience of operating the NTS Capacity Booking Regime has highlighted that restricting eligible booking dates to 56 days (generally one day every week) in the year is undesirable because:

- * A shipper who misses a deadline is exposed to 7 days without capacity being available from TransCo (a specific problem led to modification 0081 which applied for 1 October 1996 only).
- * The lead time between capacity application and registration will is variable and depends on the number of non-business days in the intervening period.
- * Delay in supply point transfer dates cannot generally be matched with capacity booking dates.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE

The eligible capacity booking dates will continue to be limited to the 56 listed in Annex B-1.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED

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NATURE OF PROPOSAL

- 1) Every day, except 29th February, will become an Eligible Capacity Registration Date.
- 2) References to "Business Days" in the above paragraphs of the Code will be amended to "Days".

This proposal is different from modification 98 in that it does not propose any reduction in the rolling 7 days capacity booking lead time.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL These changes will simplify the booking of capacity by enabling Users to book with a minimum of 1 calendar week's notice to take effect on any day of the year.

If a User misses the application deadline for a particular eligible date, it will only be prevented from booking capacity for 1 day.

Although these changes are most relevant at Exit, it is believed that Users will benefit if they are also incorporated into the Entry booking rules.

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