

**URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSAL - 0108**

**AMENDMENT TO ALLOWABLE ACCESS DENIED FOR EACH USER**

**DATE:** 10th December 1996

**PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION**

**DATE:** 23rd December 1996

**URGENCY:** URGENT

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Under the Network Code where TransCo fails to provide a meter reading it is required to make a liability payment.

If TransCo can not gain access to a meter it has to follow a number of rigorous conditions, which unless entry is refused, includes a further request to the Shipper for updated access details, before a meter is classified as access-denied and is no longer subject to liabilities for severe and continuing failure. Despite requesting updated access details each month, TransCo have received negligible responses, many Shippers not responding at all.

Under the Network Code there is a cap, for each Shipper, on allowable access-denied of not more than 5% of the missing reads for the previous month. However, access-denied figures are significantly higher than the allowable 5%. Although there is limited relief from severe and continuing liabilities, all access-denied meters contribute towards the mild performance for which there is no relief from liabilities.

TransCo therefore raised Urgent Modification 0083 to remove the cap on access-denied. Due to the concerns of Shippers the cap was not removed but raised to 40% for a two month period. The purpose of this transitional arrangement being firstly to give Shippers an opportunity to respond to requests for updated access details and secondly to allow a review group time to agree a way forward.

**AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED**

Transition Document Paragraph 3.3.7, 3.4.7 and 3.5.6

**NATURE OF PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that the Transition Document, Paragraphs 3.2, 3.3.7, 3.4.7 and 3.5.6 should be modified such that not more than 80% of the relevant Meters for which TransCo (MR) does not provide Valid Readings may be classified as access-denied Meters for the purposes of calculating severe and continuing liabilities. Any meter classified as access-denied should not contribute towards mild performance failure.

This recommendation was developed and is supported by Review Group 0083R.

**PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL**

The purpose of this proposal is to ensure that TransCo is not unfairly penalised where it is unable to provide a meter reading due to Access-denied.

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