

Draft Modification Report
Modification Reference Number 0215
(Class III UK-Link Change Request)

Revisions to Maximum Daily Permissible SPA Volumes (Domestic Competition).

This draft Modification Report is made pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Modification Rules and follows the format required under Rule 8.12.4.

1. The Modification Proposal:

The maximum daily usage volumes that UK-Link can deal with are listed in the UK-Link IS Service Definition Section of the UK-Link Manual and are legally binding.

Following scalability benchmarking exercises recently undertaken, Transco are now able to revise the value applying to 'Transfers of Meter Point Ownership'. This is based on the implementation of new functionality to Transco's Sites & Meters database which has introduced seven new partitions (servers).

It is now possible for UK-Link to accommodate a maximum daily volume of 50,000 transfers of ownership per database partition.

Following discussion within Review Group 0114R 'Revisions to Maximum Daily Permissible SPA Volumes' and latterly the SPA/Metering workstream, it was identified that the UK-Link Manual should be updated to reflect Transco's current maximum performance with respect to supply point transfers. It is therefore proposed to update the IS Service Definition to reflect that Transco can accommodate 50,000 transfers of supply point ownership per Sites and Meters database partition.

2. Transco's opinion:

Transco have raised this modification following discussion at the SPA/Metering Workstream.

3. Extent to which the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives:

The modification demonstrates to Shippers the limits of the system such that the Shippers can adjust their processes to be consistent with UK-Link's capability to process transactions.

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

a) implications for the operation of the System and any BG Storage Facility:

Transco are not aware of any such implications for the operation of the National Transmission System.

b) **development and capital cost and operating cost implications:**

None identified.

c) **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:**

Not applicable.

d) **analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation;**

Transco are not aware of any impact on price regulation.

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:**

Transco are not aware of any development implications.

7. **The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Relevant Shippers:**

Shippers may need to re-evaluate how transaction files are presented to UK-Link.

8. **The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for terminal operators, suppliers, producers and, any Non-Network Code Party:**

No such implications have been identified.

9. **Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of Transco and each Relevant Shipper and Non-Network Code Party of implementing the Modification Proposal:**

This change will constitute a class III modification to the IS Service Definition within the UK-Link Manual.

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

Advantages

The proposal enables the UK-Link Manual to be consistent with the operational processing limitations of the UK-Link system. It should be noted that this modification does not address industry constraints. This issue has, however, been dealt with by the Domestic Competition Focus Group.

Disadvantages

None identified.

11. **Summary of the Representations (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in the Modification Report):**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

13. **The extent to which the implementation is required having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 3(5) of the statement; furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 3(1) of the Licence:**

Not applicable.

14. **Programme of works required as a consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal:**

No programme of works is considered necessary.

15. **Proposed implementation timetable (inc timetable for any necessary information systems changes):**

Draft Modification Report circulated to Modification Panel members, Shippers and Non-Network Code parties seeking representations.

24 April 1998

Close out for representations.

27 May 1998

Modification Report to Ofgas

1 June 1998

Ofgas Direction for Implementation of Modification.

4 June 1998

Modification implemented and effective

5 June 1998

16. Recommendation concerning the implementation of the Modification Proposal:

Transco recommend that this modification is implemented in accordance with the timescales in section (15).

17. Text provided pursuant to Rule 7.3

UK-Link Manual

UK-Link IS Service Definition

Appendix 1

'Transfers of Meter Point Ownership' '50,000 *'

* Per Sites & Meters Database Partition.

Representations are now sought in respect of this Draft Report and prior to Transco finalising the Report.

Signed for and on behalf of Transco.

Signature:



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Date: 22/4/98