

NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

SHORT TITLE: Non-User Access to Certain Protected Information

DATE: 29th July 1998

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 1998

URGENCY: NON-URGENT

JUSTIFICATION: To provide Non-Users and Users other than the User to whom the information relates with certain information pertaining to a Registered User or Users in respect of Transco (Condition 5) connection charges; specifically with respect to reinforcement charges or requirements where it is necessary for Transco to provide System information to a 'connecting' party when a charge for reinforcement works is made.

Transco's Network analysis tool contains detailed information regarding Supply Points Offtake Rates, for some individual Large Supply Points, and general System pressure information derived from all User Supply Point Offtake Rates. Transco will be required to submit (paper) copies of its network analysis diagrams to connecting parties, in support of reinforcement charges or requirements. These diagrams will contain localised System pressure and Supply Point load information and their relationship to the proposed connection point/Offtake.

Transco's Network Code currently limits its ability to disclose User information to certain defined exceptions of which this is not one. This Modification addresses this issue.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE: Transco will not be able to provide "Connecting Parties" with meaningful supporting information in respect of connection/reinforcement charges.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

Transition Document - Section V (General)

V5. Information and Confidentiality; V5.1 Transco Obligations; V5.5 Exceptions, Pages V-16 & V-18;

NATURE OF PROPOSAL

Section V5 1.1 limits Transco ability to disclose Protected (User) Information, or to use Protected Information, for any purpose other than the "Transco Activities" as defined in V5 1.2. Currently the definition of Transco Activities is not sufficiently wide to clearly include use of information for the purposes of facilitating connections (although arguably "the development of the System" could include this). Transco Activities to include such use of information as required by the community to prevent Transco being in breach of the Network Code, it also seeks an extra exception to the restriction on disclosure in order to comply with requests to supply such information as set out above.

LEGAL TEXT

Section V5.1 and 5.2 amended as follows

V5.1.2 "Transco Activities" means the carrying on of transportation business (as defined in the Transco Licence), the operation, administration, maintenance and development of the System and the BG Storage Facilities, facilitation of connections to the System, and the implementation and performance of the Code, the Framework Agreement, and Ancillary Agreement and any Siteworks Contract.

5.5.2 (f) ;

add new clause V5.5.2(g) :-

" (g) to the disclosure of any Protected Information to any person proposing to make a connection directly or indirectly to the System, where and to the extent that the disclosure of such information is reasonably required for the purposes of supporting Transco's charges or requirements to allow such proposed connection to the System to be made and provided that the person to whom the information is disclosed is informed in writing of the confidentiality of such information."

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

Facilitate greater understanding and transparency with regard to Transco's Condition 5 costs for connections to the Transco system.

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