

Development Workgroup Report

Modification Proposal 0253

Non-User Access to Certain Protected Information

A proposal was made on the 9 June 98 to provide Non-User 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) charges; specifically with respect for reinforcement charges.

The proposed Mod was discussed at the Transco Network Code Modification Panel held on the 20 August 98, the outcome of which was:-

The Panel voted by majority to consider the proposal at short notice.

Transco stated its intention to take this proposal to development within the capacity workstream.

Terms of Reference was circulated and the Panel voted by majority for Transco to finalise them.

Representations from BGT (Simon Goldring) EPETL (Rob Barnett) were received and their concerns were expressed about the form of confidentiality agreements and the need for this Modification to be debated within a workstream.

The Modification 0253 was discussed further at the Capacity Workstream meeting that was held on the 3 September. A decision was reached that in order to secure Transco and User interests with respect to Network Code Protected Information, the release of such information should be subject to a Confidentiality Agreement between Transco and the non Network Code party to whom information is given.

On the 9 October 98 a draft Confidentiality Agreement and suggested legal text for Mod 0253 was distributed to the PGT community for comment. It was proposed that if any comments were received these would be circulated to all parties and if required an amended draft agreement sent out.

23 October 98 was the close out date for comments, and to date no comments have been received from the PGT community on the draft agreement, therefore the Confidentiality Agreement and legal text have been drawn up.

The Confidentiality Agreement and Legal Text are to be put forward at the next Network Code Modification Panel meeting for discussion and the next process.