

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 257

SHORT TITLE: Extra demand attribution run at 13:00 within the gas day.

DATE: 12/8/98 **PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** 1 October 1998

URGENCY: Non-Urgent

JUSTIFICATION:

Transco currently receives weather forecast information, and carries out a demand estimation based on weather data at 13:00 within the gas day. Using this demand forecast and best estimates of the gas inputs, Transco calculates the Projected Closing Linepack (PCLP) and will take balancing actions when PCLP is outside bandwidth. As a demand attribution run is not carried out at this time shippers do not have the opportunity to rebalance their portfolio's based on the latest demand information. Subsequent demand attributions at 16:00 within day do give shippers the opportunity to rebalance, and this rebalance may cause a balancing action in the opposite direction to that previously taken. This is known as 'dual response'.

This modification proposal is intended to facilitate an additional demand attribution run based on the 13:00 within day demand forecast to enable shippers the opportunity to balance their portfolio's prior to Transco taking balancing actions based on PCLP information which includes the results of those shippers actions.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE:

'Dual response' is likely to remain a feature of the energy balancing regime.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

Principle document section H

Amend 5.1.2

"The times at which Transco will obtain weather data under paragraph 5.1.1 include the following approximate times: 11:30 hours, 15:15 hours and 22:30 hours on the Preceding Day and 07:30 hours, 11:30 hours and 15:15 hours on the Gas Flow Day."

Amend 5.2.3

"Transco will notify demand under paragraph 5.2.1. after receipt of weather data under paragraph 5.1.1. not later than the following times: 14:00 hours, 19:00 hours and 02:00 hours on the Preceding Day and 12:00 hours, 15:00 hours and 18:00 hours on the Gas Flow Day.

NATURE OF PROPOSAL:

To facilitate an additional demand attribution run at 13:00 within the gas day.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

This proposal is intended to improve the Energy Balancing Regime by providing an additional demand attribution run which would remove 'dual response'.

This would better facilitate the following relevant objectives:-

7(a) the efficient and economic operation by the licensee of its pipe-line system; and 7(b) the efficient discharge of its obligations under this licence.

by improving the information available to shippers on demand conditions and enabling shippers to adjust their balance positions in advance of any Transco balancing actions.

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