

TRANSCO-NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

SHORT TITLE: Liabilities for failure to allow Aggregation of Meter Points

DATE: 13th August 1998

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION: 1st September 1998

URGENCY: Urgent - Transco are failing to meet their obligations and have failed to remedy the situation in a reasonable period of time.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Network Code allows for Meter Points be aggregated where they meet acceptable criteria as defined. This includes mixtures of sites which are domestic users with those which are 1&C. The facility is systematised within Transco's UK-Link system, and originally functioned properly.

However, when Transco set up several database partitions as part of the roll-out of Domestic Competition, the functionality stopped working across the partitions. Shippers were therefore given erroneous rejections of valid nominations.

Shippers therefore incur an additional overhead in identifying these rejections and re-inputting the data by manual means to Transco.

When the issue was initially identified, it was agreed that a manual workaround was acceptable as a temporary measure, and that existing liabilities would apply and that Transco would resolve the problem by May 1998. Transco have failed to correct this problem, despite having been aware of it for over 9 months, and have no proposed date for resolving it.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE

Shippers will continue to incur unnecessary additional costs due to Transco's failures.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED

Section G

NATURE OF PROPOSAL

With immediate effect, Transco should be required to make a liability payment of £10/nomination to a Shipper required to use the manual intervention process, until such time as the automated process is back working properly.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL

To incentives Transco to resolve this breach of the Code.

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