

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No.261

SHORT TITLE: The inclusion of the arrangements for Stranraer in the GB-Ireland CSEP Ancillary Agreement.

DATE: 21/08/98 **PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION**
DATE: 18/09/98

URGENCY: URGENT

JUSTIFICATION:

Transco currently make arrangements for the Scottish Independent Network at Stranraer to be supplied from the Premier Transco system via the Moffat Connected System Exit Point.

An interim agreement is in place with British Gas Trading (BGT) to provide an accounting service which maintains the balance of AT-Link. Also a Transportation Agreement is in place between Transco and Premier Transco to transport gas into Stranraer.

It is preferable to see the arrangements for Stranraer formally incorporated into the Network Code.

Revised arrangements for Stranraer have been developed and included into the drafting of the GB-Ireland CSEP Ancillary Agreement. The modification is required to enable Stranraer to be treated in accordance with the GB-Ireland CSEP Ancillary Agreement.

The modification is required as URGENT, because of the planned commencement of the CSEP Ancillary Agreement rules from 1 October 1998.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE:

The CSEP Ancillary Agreement for the GB-Ireland Interconnector contains the specific rules governing the offtake of gas at the Moffat and therefore should contain rules the Network Code rules for Stranraer.

Stranraer will be treated outside the rules of the CSEP Ancillary Agreement from 1 October 1998 if the modifications to the Network Code detailed below are not made.

This would be in conflict with the intentions of Transco and Shippers. The contract with BGT would require an extension, this is not a solution BGT or Transco would wish to see and would not further the relevant objectives.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

Section A, additional wording to clause 1.7.1 and a new clause 1.7.5. to be introduced on Page A-3 (Version 2.00).

Section B, additional wording to clause 1.9.2 on page B-6 (Version 2.00).

NATURE OF PROPOSAL:

Section A

1.7 Scottish Independent Networks

1.7.1. "Subject to paragraph 1.7.5, each of the separate pipeline networks located at Thurso, Wick, Campbeltown, Oban and Stranraer, in Scotland, and provisioned with LNG is a Scottish Independent Network".

1.7.5 "Pursuant to an arrangement set out or described in the relevant CSEP Ancillary Agreement, the separate pipeline network located at Stranraer is supplied with gas taken from the System at a Connected System Exit Point and conveyed by means of pipes operated other than by Transco (and not forming part of the System); and accordingly in any provision of the Code referring to LNG Facilities, a reference to a Scottish Independent Network does not include the network at Stranraer."

Section B

1.9 Scottish Independent Networks

1.9.2 "In order to enable Users to offtake gas from the System at SIN Supply Point Components :

- (a) except as provided in paragraph (b), Transco will hold Storage Space in and inject gas into LNG Facilities, and arrange for LNG to be lifted from those facilities and transported by road tanker to and discharged to LNG storage and regasification plants at each Scottish Independent Network.
- (b) in relation to the Scottish Independent Network at Stranraer, Transco will arrange for gas to be taken from the System at a Connected System Exit Point and conveyed to that network pursuant to the arrangements referred to in Section A1.7.5"

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

The proposal allows the formal inclusion of the treatment of the Scottish Independent Network at Stranraer in the GB-Ireland Interconnector CSEP Ancillary Agreement.

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