

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0400
"Release by Transco of the Supplier Identity to Gas Consumers and Suppliers"
Version 2.0

Date: 15/05/2000

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/07/2000

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Area of Network Code Concerned

Principal Document Section V5.5.3

Nature of Proposal

Modification of the Network Code is required to recognise that Transco may issue the supplier identity to gas consumers and suppliers on request to its 'M' number help desk.

Justification

Transco has implemented a service whereby customers and/or suppliers are able to contact its 'M' number help desk requesting identification of the incumbent supplier. Individual consent from all suppliers has been sought to enable this service to proceed. This action is necessary to meet the provisions of Network Code Section V5.5.2(a) which permits that Transco may disclose Protected Information to which the protected party has consented in writing.

Network Code Principal Document Section V5.3.2 b (i) sets out that the supplier identity should be treated as information relating to the affairs of a User (shipper) and establishes that "..... the identity of a supplier or a consumer, or any representative thereof, insofar as disclosed by the User to Transco pursuant to the purposes of the Code" is included within the definition of Protected Information (V5.3). Transco therefore recommends that provision is made in the Network Code such that contracted parties are specifically aware that Transco may issue Protected Information to consumers and suppliers which was originally provided to it by shippers.

Consequence of not making this change

Transco may be subjected to shipper criticism that it has disclosed 'Protected Information' provided to it by shippers without express provision for this being incorporated in the Network Code.

Purpose of Proposal

Transco believes that without specific provision in the Network Code as set within this Modification Proposal, some may argue that Transco is obliged to notify the relevant shipper each time it discloses the supplier identity. Transco does not believe that this would be practical or economic.

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