TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0432

"Definite Gate Closure Times For Daily System Entry Capacity Bids"
Version 1.0

Date: 16/10/2000

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/04/2001

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

Modification Proposal 0419 had previously been raised with the intention that the proposal would in part have the effect of reducing the potential for Users to submit erroneous bids for entry capacity. During work group discussions about the issues raised by Modification Proposal 0419 it has become apparent that the risks associated with erroneous bids could be further mitigated if a definite gate closure time is provided for submission of Daily System Entry Capacity bids. The content of this proposal is outside of the scope of Modification Proposal 0419. It is therefore essential to consider this change via a separate Modification Proposal.

Nature of Proposal

It is proposed that the Network Code rules, pertaining to the provision of Daily System Entry Capacity, be amended so that Users would know the gate closure time before which bids must be submitted if they are to be considered in a subsequent allocation process for Daily System Entry Capacity. For example, It is anticipated that if approved, the Network Code could provide for gate closure times to occur on the hour (06.00, 07.00 etc.). The subsequent allocation process would only take into account bids that have been submitted before that time and have not been wholly satisfied by previous allocations. Any bids submitted after the gate closure would be considered at the subsequent allocation following gate closure at the next hour bar.

Purpose of Proposal

The proposal is intended to enhance efficient operations relating to the provision of Daily System Entry Capacity. In particular, it is anticipated that a definite gate closure time will provide certainty for Users when bidding for Daily System Entry Capacity. Users will then have greater opportunity to plan and review their bids for capacity. That process, if initiated, could reduce the potential for erroneous bid submissions.

Consequence of not making this change

Daily System Entry Capacity will continue to be allocated shortly after the hour. However, uncertainties regarding the precise timing of the allocation process may detract from Users ability to review late bids. That may lead to a greater number of erroneous bids being put forward than would be the case if the proposal were implemented.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section B

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