

**SPA/Metering Workstream**  
**Workstream Report**

**Modification Proposal 0455 Application of the Optional NTS Commodity Rate**

Following discussion at the February 2001 Modification Panel meeting it was deemed appropriate to refer this Modification Proposal for discussion at the February 2001 meeting of the SPA/Metering Workstream, in anticipation of a later postal vote of the Modification Proposal.

The SPA/Metering Workstream meeting was held on 22 February 2001. Workstream members discussed the Proposal in detail and it was highlighted that the main area of concern was the cumbersome administration process involved in re-registering a Supply Point against the standard commodity rate if it falls below the Optional NTS Commodity Rate. Transco highlighted that it could not support the Proposal in its present form as it suggested that Transco made commercial decisions on behalf of the shippers but identified that the main requirements of the Proposal could be met by improving the current registration process and leaving commercial decision making with shippers.

Transco gave a presentation detailing its suggestions to improve the current registration process for Unique Sites to meet the aforementioned requirements of the Modification Proposal. Transco explained that through the revision of current processes it should be able to reduce the typical registration timescales from 30 days to 6-8 days. Primarily this would involve removing the need for a new logical meter number to be created in the circumstances where a Supply Point is re-registered; this would not require a Network Code Modification Proposal and could be implemented by April 2001. Transco also noted its intention to streamline other areas of the registration process, which could involve simplifying the required data for the Nomination, Offer and Confirmation stages. This would reduce the registration processes further and require a Modification Proposal to amend the provisions with regard to the re-nomination process..

Workstream members recommend, therefore, that this Modification Proposal remain within the SPA/Metering Workstream for further discussion for a period of four months. This will allow a period to develop an appropriate Modification Proposal to revise the current registration process at which point Scottish & Southern may decide to withdraw Modification Proposal 0455.