

Legal Text Commentary for 0516

UNC Section Q Emergencies

A new section 2.8 is to be inserted into Section Q.

2.8.1 This section has been produced to allow a register to be established that contains site specific information. The information that is contained in this section includes the time that it takes to shut down the site, gas needs during an emergency and the eligibility to be included on the register.

2.8.2 - Shippers will be prevented from submitting a request to place a consumer on the register unless they are able to independently demonstrate the damage or hazard of them shutting the down immediately, that they are a Class 1 site as set out in G1.5 and they are not an NTS Supply point.

2.8.3 – Shippers will be able to submit a request for a consumer to be placed on the Site Characteristics Register at any time as long as they provide the information needed to fulfil the request.

2.8.4 – A submission will only be accepted if it relates to a single meter point reference number.

2.8.5 – Details the amount of time that the Transporter will have to respond to each Site Characteristics submission. This section details the information that will be included in the reply from the Transporter.

2.8.6 – If the Transporter has requested further information they will either accept or reject the additional information within 14 days of receiving it.

2.8.7 - Site Characteristic information will remain on the register until the end of each gas year which falls on the 30th September.

2.8.8 – Information to be added to the register can only be submitted 120 calendar days in advance on the gas year. Site Characteristic Submissions made between the 3rd June and the 30th September will need to specify which gas year it relates to. Requests that are submitted between the 1st October and the 2nd June will be registered to the current gas year.

2.8.9 – Updates can be made to the Sites Characteristics submission if agreed by the Transporter this process can be initiated by either party. Updates to the register will be subject to the criteria set out in paragraphs 2.8.2 and 2.8.3.

2.8.10 – If a consumer wishes to stay on the Site Characteristics register then they will be required to send another submission to the Transporter each year.

2.8.11 – If a Shipper becomes aware that a site no longer meets the requirements to remain on the site Characteristics register then they will promptly make the Transporter aware. Transporters will be under no obligation to verify the information or update the information provided to it.

2.8.12 – Transporters will be allowed to share the information that it holds on the register with National Grid NTS.

2.8.13– Transporters shall take account of the information held on the Site Characteristics Register during an emergency, but they will not have to act on the information.

2.8.14 – Being on the Site Characteristics Register will not mean that a customer is treated any differently to those not on the register during an emergency.