

Stage 01: Modification

0503:

Update of Transporter Procedure Document references within Network Code.

At what stage is this document in the process?



The modification seeks to amend the references in the UNC to the documents referenced T/PR/GT2, T/PR/GT3 & T/PR/GT4 detailing transporter required procedures related to metering.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should :
subject to fast track self-governance



High Impact:



Medium Impact:



Low Impact: All code parties

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About this document:

This modification will be presented by the proposer to the panel on 17 July 2014.

The panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and agree whether this modification should be:

- subject to fast track procedures and implemented

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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

Yes as this modification only proposes to update document references in Code it is unlikely to have a material impact on Code Parties, Consumers or competition.

Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

Yes

The modification is proposed as Fast Track Self-governance as it merely changes references within code to the documents and

- a. would meet the self-governance criteria; and
- b. is properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change, including but not limited to:
 - iv. updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs.

Why Change?

The Energy Networks Association now hosts documents referenced in the Network Code that set out procedures for:

1. T/PR/GT2 – Management Procedure for Requesting a Gas Transporter to: Authorise the Setting and Sealing of Regulators and Associated Safety Devices; Authorise the Installation of a Meter by-pass; Approve a Meter Housing Design..
2. T/PR/GT4 – Management Procedure for: Sealing of Equipment to Protect against Theft of Gas and Tampering.

The documents have been given new references, which this modification seeks to update.

Solution

Remove references to T/PR/GT2, T/PR/GT3 & T/PR/GT4 and replace them with the new reference GDN/PM/GT2 & GDN/PM/GT4 and the Joint office of Gas Transporters is to provide a link on its website to where the documents can be found.

Relevant Objectives

Relevant Objective (F) – Promotion of efficiency in the administration of the network code, as it will allow the correctly referenced document to be easily located.

Implementation

This is a document only change and should be easily updated in the code by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters. As Fast Track Self Governance is proposed, implementation could be 16 Days after a Modification Panel decision to do so.

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2 Why Change?

Hosting of the transporter procedures by the Energy Networks Association on behalf of the Gas Transporters has resulted in them being issued new references, which haven't been updated into Network Code. This can make it difficult for parties to find when searching under the document references defined in code. This modification seeks to update those references to ensure that code parties can locate and follow the transporter procedures.

3 Solution

Remove references to T/PR/GT2, T/PR/GT3 & T/PR/GT4 and replace them with the new reference GDN/PM/GT2 & GDN/PM/GT4 and the Joint office of Gas Transporters is to provide a link on its website to where the documents can be found.

User Pays
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.
No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.
n/a
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.
n/a
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.
n/a

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

Relevant Objective (f) – Promotion of efficiency in the administration of the network code.

As this modification will allow the documents to be correctly referenced it will result in them being more easily located, and therefore assist the industry in compliance with the obligations parties are required to meet under these procedures.

5 Implementation

Minimal time is required to implement this modification as it is only a text change. As Fast Track Self Governance is proposed, implementation could be 16 Days after a Modification Panel decision to do so.

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6 Legal Text

TPD Section M

2 SUPPLY METER INSTALLATION

2.1 Supply Meter and other equipment

2.1.6 The design and specification of certain Supply Meter Installations (where required to be installed) will be agreed with the Transporter in accordance with the GDN/PM/GT2 and will comply with the relevant Ofgem Codes of Practice.

2.1.12 For the purposes of this Section M:

- (a) " **GDN/PM/GT2**" is the document entitled Management Procedures for Requesting a Gas Transporter to: Authorise for the Setting and Sealing of Regulators and Associated Safety Devices as published by the Transporter from time to time, and can be found on the Energy Networks Association Website;

2.3 Interference with meters and meter by-pass utilisation

The Registered User shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that:

- (a) no person improperly breaks any seal affixed to any part of the Supply Meter Installation or tampers or otherwise interferes with any Supply Meter Installation, utilises a meter by-pass other than as permitted by GDN/PM/GT2, or utilises a temporary alternative arrangement;
- (b) upon each visit to the Supply Point Premises by any representative of that User or the supplier, or by any person engaged (by that User, the supplier or the consumer) to obtain an On-site Meter Read, there is promptly reported to the Transporter any evidence which is or ought (having regard to the purposes for which such person is visiting the premises) to be apparent to such representative or person of the breaking of any such seal or of any such tampering or interference (including any activated tamper alarm) or otherwise of theft or attempted theft of gas, or the utilisation of a meter by-pass other than as permitted by GDN/PM/GT2, or the utilisation of a temporary alternative arrangement.

2.4 Meter by-pass

2.4.1 In the circumstances permitted by the Registered User in accordance with GDN/PM/GT2 a meter by-pass may be installed (as a part of the Supply Meter Installation), or a temporary alternative arrangement may be utilised, at a Supply Meter Point.

2.4.2 For the purposes of the Code:

- (c) Not Used

TPD Section G

3.4 Isolation: General

3.4.1 For the purposes of the Code and subject to paragraph 3.8:

- (c) " **GDN/PM/GT4**" is the document relating to the cessation of the flow of gas entitled Management Procedure for: Sealing of Equipment to Protect against Theft of Gas and Tampering, as published by the Transporters from time to time, and can be found on the Energy Networks Association Website.

3.5 Isolation request

3.5.5 Where a User provides a notification in accordance with paragraph 3.5.2 such User shall have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that all work to cease the flow of gas has been carried out by suitably competent personnel using that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person complying with applicable law, recognised industry standards and GDN/PM/GT4, engaged in the same type of undertaking and the Transporter will be entitled to assume that the User has complied with such obligation.

UNC GENERAL: Defined Terms Listing

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GDN/PM/GT2	TPD	M2.1.12(a)
GDN/PM/GT4	TPD	G3.4.1 (c)

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7 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to

- Determine that this modification should follow fast track procedures and be implemented

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