

# **Request to Modify the Uniform Network Code Operation Reporting Manual**

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### **Purpose**

The Uniform Network Code Operations Reporting Manual (“The Reporting Manual”) specifies the information published by National Grid NTS relating to:

- the implementation by National Grid NTS of certain provisions of the UNC, including the Operational Balancing Steps taken by National Grid NTS, and
- the operations of Users pursuant to certain provisions of the UNC.

National Grid NTS is proposing some minor changes to the Reporting Manual to reflect changes to Distribution Network (DN) interruption information to apply from 1 October 2011. This document provides a summary of the proposed amendments to the Reporting Manual to both the UK Link Committee and the Uniform Network Code Committee.

In line with paragraph 9.4.5 of UNC Section V, the UK Link Committee is asked to review this update to the Reporting Manual and recommend approval of the changes to the Uniform Network Code Committee. Further, the Uniform Network Code Committee is asked to approve this update to the Reporting Manual following a recommendation from the UK Link Committee.

### **Background**

UNC Modification Proposal 0090 – Revised DN Interruption Arrangement<sup>1</sup> (Mod 90) was raised by National Grid Distribution on 7 July 2006 and subsequently approved by the Authority and implemented on 1 April 2008. The proposal sought to introduce changes to allow;

- Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs) to determine the quantity and location of interruption purchased, and
- Shippers, on behalf of customers, the flexibility to offer interruption on their preferred terms.

Where GDNs determine that, for network operation purposes, a section of their network requires a quantity of interruption or network reinforcement, Mod 90 now obligates GDNs to administer a shipper application process in order to allow the GDN to assess the economic viability of interruption, offered by Shippers, versus network reinforcement. To allow sufficient time for network reinforcement, should interruption not prove economically viable, such a shipper application process must take place at least three years ahead of the applicable Gas Year. Following the implementation of Mod 90 the initial process took place in June 2008 and will apply for the Gas Year starting 1 October 2011.

From 1 October 2011 all Supply Points connected to a Local Distribution Zone (LDZ) will default to hold firm capacity. Supply Points that have had an application of interruptible capacity successfully accepted by a DN will be marked as holding such a contract in the Supply Point Register.

The changes described above, introduced as part of Mod 90, will result in a change to the information presented by National Grid NTS via the Market Information Provision Initiative (MIPI) system.

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<sup>1</sup> Modification Proposal 0090 – Revised DN Interruption Arrangements is available here: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0090>

## **Summary of the proposed changes to the Uniform Network Code Reporting Manual**

This document solely seeks changes to the 'Data Dictionary' section of the Reporting Manual. In summary, the proposed changes seek to amend a number of data items within the 'interruption' tab to reflect changes to the provision of interruption data post October 2011. In addition, it is proposed that a new 'transitional' tab be introduced within the data dictionary to capture those data items that will no longer be prospectively provided but will continue to be available historically within the MIPI system for a defined period of time.

### **Governance**

To aid visibility of the proposed changes, National Grid NTS has submitted two documents to the UK Link Committee and UNC Committee. The first document is a marked up UNCORM (version 9.1) with all the changes being requested including an additional column within the Data Dictionary to categorise the reason for change. The second document is a clean UNCORM (version 10) incorporating the changes listed above and it is this document that will be sent to the Joint Office for publication following approval of the changes.