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Dear Colleague,

**Request for urgent status for modification proposal 701: 'Requirement for users to ensure non-domestic Supply Meter Installations are installed and maintained by accredited Meter Asset Managers'.**

Ofgem has considered Transco's request that urgent procedures be applied to this modification proposal.

The implementation of the Review of Gas Metering Arrangements is scheduled for the 12 July. In advance of this date, a decision will be made on whether to activate the arrangements (go/no go) on 25 June.

The Proposer states that the effective management of gas meter assets requires the awareness of, and conformance with, a considerable number of regulatory requirements and industry standards including those required by the Gas Act, Gas Installation and Use Regulations, CORGI, Ofgem and the Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers. These documents have been referenced in one place, providing a "route map" for conformance. The document is called the Meter Asset Manager Code of Practice (MAMCoP).

The Proposer is seeking to mitigate its perceived risk associated with the liberalisation of the meter asset management market by including in the Network Code the requirement for Suppliers to use accredited Meter Asset Managers and by implication the requirement to adopt the MAMCoP principles. It is proposed that these arrangements would stay in place for 2 years.

This modification proposal, if accepted, may have an influence on the decision to activate and therefore can be considered to be time-related. In addition, Ofgem consider the proposal addresses matters that are sufficiently material to warrant urgent consideration. Therefore Ofgem has decided to grant Urgent status to this proposal.

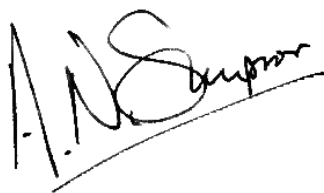
In any event, Ofgem would like to make clear that the fact that Urgent status has been granted should not be taken as an indication that Ofgem has in any way made an assessment of the merits of either proposal.

The timetable for the modification proposal to follow Urgent status will be as follows:

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| Issued to Ofgem for decision on urgency | 8 June 2004  |
| Proposal agreed as urgent               | 10 June 2004 |
| Proposal issued for consultation        | 11 June 2004 |
| Close out for representations           | 16 June 2004 |
| Final report to Ofgem                   | 21 June 2004 |
| Ofgem decision expected                 | 23 June 2004 |

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the number above or Mark Baldock on 020 7901 7221.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Simpson', with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end.

**Nick Simpson**  
**Director, Modifications**