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Dear Colleague,

**NOTICE OF IMPLEMENTATION
MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No: 0675**

"Isolations - Changes required in accordance with the Review of Gas Metering Arrangements (RGMA)"

Please note that Modification Proposal No 0675 will be implemented with effect from 06:00 hours on 12/07/2004. The Final Modification Report, Version 1.0, was signed by Ofgem on 05/07/2004.

The new Network Code text resulting from this Modification follows.

Modified Text:

Section G: 2.4 Supply Point Offers

2.4.2 A Supply Point Offer will specify in relation to the Proposed Supply Point:

- (a) the identity of the Proposing User;
- (b) the address(es) of the Supply Point Premises;
- (c) the Supply Meter Point Reference Number, manufacturer's serial number, and (where the Proposed Supply Point comprises a Sub-deduct Supply Meter Point) Meter Link Code of each Supply Meter Point comprised in the Proposed Supply Point Registration;
- (d) where the Proposed Supply Point includes one or more NDM Supply Meter Points:
 - (i) the Applicable End User Category in accordance with Section H1.7;
 - (ii) Supply Point Capacity and NTS Exit Capacity (in accordance with Section H4.1); and
 - (iii) the Nominated Meter Reading Frequency or (where more frequent) the minimum Meter Reading Frequency required under Section M3 in respect of each relevant Supply Meter;
- (e) where the Proposed Supply Point includes one or more DM Supply Meter Points:
 - (i) details in respect of Supply Point Capacity and Supply Point Offtake Rate in accordance with paragraphs 2.4.3;

- (ii) whether the Proposed Supply Point is a Firm Supply Point or an Interruptible Supply Point, and (if Interruptible) whether TNI and whether (as respects the DM Supply Point Component) SDMC(I);
- (iii) details of the Daily Read Equipment installed and the Supply Meter Point Reference Number of each Supply Meter Point at which any such Daily Read Equipment is installed;
- (f) the Exit Zone and (where applicable) LDZ in which the Proposed Supply Point is located;
- (g) the Annual Quantity for each Supply Meter Point;
- (h) Supply Point Transportation Charges;
- (i) the Supply Meter Point Reference Number of any Supply Meter Point comprised in the Proposed Supply Point which has been Isolated ~~or in respect of which a request for Isolation is outstanding~~; and
- (j) a number by which the Supply Point Offer may uniquely be identified; or
- (k) where a User has made a Supply Point Nomination in accordance with paragraph 2.3.2(i) or 2.3.9(c)(i), the distance between the Specified Entry Point and the Proposed Supply Point, the six figure grid references, the capacity of the Proposed Supply Point and the NTS Optional Commodity Rate; or
- (l) where a User has made a Supply Point Nomination in accordance with paragraph 2.3.2(j) the Notional NTS Connection Point, the distance between the Notional NTS Connection Point and the Proposed Supply Point, the eight figure grid references, the capacity of the Proposed Supply Point and the LDZ Optional Capacity Rate;
- (m) the identity of the Gas Act Owner;
- (n) the identity of the Meter Asset Manager.

2.4.10 The matters referred to in paragraph 2.4.9 are:

- (a) the Supply Meter Points comprised in the Proposed Supply Point;
- (b) the Annual Quantity, End User Category and Supply Point Capacity of the Proposed Supply Point; and
- (c) whether at the date of the Supply Point Offer any Existing Supply Point (if Interruptible) is TNI, and (if so) the number of Days of the Interruption Allowance.

2.4.13 For the purposes of Code:

- (a) “Gas Act Owner” is the consumer, holder of a Gas Transporter’s Licence or relevant supplier that owns the meter (and for the purposes of this definition owner includes a lessee) and which in accordance with the Gas Code is responsible for keeping it in proper order for correctly registering the quantity of gas supplied;
- (b) “Meter Asset Manager” is an organisation that works on behalf of another to install, replace, repair and maintain a Supply Meter Installation.

Section G: 2.5 Supply Point Confirmations: General

2.5.5 A Supply Point Confirmation may not be made, and Transco will reject any Supply Point Confirmation submitted:

(a) (except in respect of a Shared Supply Meter Point), in respect of a Proposed Supply Point comprising any Supply Meter Point comprised in a Proposed Supply Point in respect of which any other Supply Point Confirmation has been made and is (in accordance with paragraph 2.5.9) outstanding;

(b) in respect of a Proposed Supply Point comprising any Supply Meter Point (other than a New Supply Meter Point) in respect of which there is any request for Siteworks outstanding or any Siteworks Contract which has not been completed, ~~other than for Isolation~~, and for which the Siteworks Applicant is a gas shipper other than the Proposing User.

Section G: 2.10 Supply Point Confirmation: Effect of Isolation

2.10.1 A Supply Meter Point comprised in a Proposed Supply Point for which a Supply Point Confirmation has been submitted may, at the request of the Existing Registered User, be Isolated on any Day before (but not on or after) the Proposed Supply Point Registration Date.

~~2.10.2 Where (in accordance with paragraph 2.10.1) a Supply Meter Point is to be Isolated at the request of the Existing Registered User, Transco will so notify the Proposing User as soon as reasonably practicable after the request is submitted. Not Used~~

~~2.10.3 Where the Existing Registered User has requested Transco to carry out, on or after the Proposed Supply Point Registration Date, Isolation of a Supply Meter Point comprised in a Proposed Supply Point for which the Supply Point Confirmation has become effective, the request will be deemed to have been cancelled. Not Used~~

2.10.4 Where a Supply Meter Point comprised in a Proposed Supply Point (for which a Supply Point Confirmation has been submitted) has been Isolated the Supply Point Confirmation may (in accordance with paragraph 2.8.7(a) or 2.9.1) become effective and the Proposing User will be the Registered User of a Supply Point which includes the Isolated Supply Meter Point ~~(and may apply pursuant to Siteworks Terms and Procedures for reconnection thereof).~~

Section G: 3.2 Effect of withdrawal

3.2.1 A Supply Point Withdrawal shall become effective ("**Effective Supply Point Withdrawal**") only where each of the Withdrawing Supply Meter Points either:

(a) is comprised in another Supply Point (of which the Registered User may be the Withdrawing User); and/or

(b) has been Isolated in accordance with paragraph ~~3.43.2.6~~;

and the date ~~of with effect from which~~ the Effective Supply Point Withdrawal ~~is effective~~ shall be:

(i) in the case of paragraph (a), the Supply Point Registration Date (of such other Supply Point); and

(ii) in the case of paragraph (b), or the later of the date of such Isolation and the date of the Supply Point Withdrawal, or in the case of (a) and (b) the latest of any such date.

3.2.2 For so long as a Supply Point Withdrawal has not become effective in accordance with paragraph 3.2.1, the Withdrawing User shall remain liable for Supply Point Transportation Charges in respect of the Withdrawing Supply Point determined on the basis of the Supply Point Capacity, LDZ Capacity and (where applicable) NTS Exit Capacity held immediately before the submission of the Supply Point Withdrawal (or in the case of an NDM Supply Point Component such capacities as revised with effect from 1st October in any Gas Year in accordance with Section H4 by reference to the new Annual

Quantities and End User Categories) and for the purposes of Aggregate NDM Reconciliation the Annual Quantity of the Withdrawing Supply Point will continue to be included for the purposes of Section E 7.2.2.

3.2.3 Not Used

3.2.4 When a Supply Point Withdrawal has become effective in accordance with paragraph 3.2.1, the User shall cease to be the Registered User and the Supply Point (and the Supply Point Registration) shall be cancelled.

3.2.5 A Supply Point Withdrawal in respect of a Supply Point which comprises a Shared Supply Meter Point(s) shall be effective on the 15th Business Day after submission thereof, irrespective of whether any Shared Supply Meter Point has been Isolated, except where all of the Sharing Registered Users submit Supply Point Withdrawals on the same Day, in which case such withdrawals shall become effective only in accordance with paragraph 3.2.1.

3.2.6 Where:

~~(i) all of the Sharing Registered Users request Isolation of a Shared Supply Meter Point, or~~

~~(ii) within a period of 15 Business Days before the date on which a request for Isolation was submitted in respect of a Supply Meter Point which was a Shared Supply Meter Point, any of the then Sharing Registered Users submitted a Supply Point Withdrawal,~~

~~the amount payable pursuant to the Isolation Siteworks Agreement will be payable in equal shares by all of the Users who are (or in the case of paragraph (ii), were at the start of the period therein referred to) Sharing Registered Users. Not Used~~

Section G: 3.4 Isolation: General

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

~~(a) "Isolation" of a Supply Meter Point means the isolation by Transco of the Supply Meter Point shall mean the amendment ing of the Supply Point Register in accordance with paragraph 3.5.4 further to the performance of actions by the User for the purposes of securing that gas cannot be offtaken from the System at such point, in such manner as Transco may in any case determine; and "Isolate" shall be construed accordingly;~~

~~(b) "Re-establish" shall mean the re-setting by Transco of the previously recorded Isolation status of a Supply Meter Point to indicate that gas can be offtaken from the System at such Point and "Re-established" and "Re-establishment" shall each be construed accordingly; and~~

~~(c) "T/PR/GT4" is the document relating to the cessation of the flow of gas entitled Sealing of Equipment to Protect against Theft of Gas and Tampering, as published by Transco from time to time.~~

3.4.2 For the avoidance of doubt and subject Subject to paragraph 3.4.3, where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated (and unless and until an Effective Supply Point Withdrawal it is reconnected) the person who is or was the Registered User of the Supply Point in which it is or was comprised shall cease-continue to be responsible for gas offtaken from the System at the Supply Meter Point.

3.4.3 In the case of a NDM Supply Meter Point which has been Isolated (and unless and until it is Re-established in accordance with paragraph 3.7 ~~reconnected~~) NDM Supply Meter Point Demand will cease to be determined in respect of that NDM Supply Meter Point in accordance with Section H2.

~~3.4.4 Where Isolation is carried out at a Supply Meter Point the Registered User must obtain and provide to Transco a Valid Meter Reading obtained not earlier than the time at which the Isolation was carried out.~~

~~3.4.5 Where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated, it may only be reconnected pursuant to Siteworks in accordance with paragraph 7.~~

~~3.4.6 For the avoidance of doubt, isolation of a Supply Meter Point for the purposes of enabling Siteworks to be carried out shall not be Isolation.~~

Section G: 3.5 Isolation request and Siteworks Agreement

~~3.5.1 A Registered Supply Meter Point may be Isolated subject to and in accordance with this paragraph 3.5. A User may request Transco to Isolate a Registered Supply Meter Point, subject to and in accordance with this paragraph 3.5.~~

~~3.5.2 A User may only request an Isolation where the User has entered into a Siteworks Contract for Isolation ("Isolation Siteworks Agreement") with Transco which is in force at the time both of the User's request and at which the Isolation is carried out. Not Used~~

~~3.5.3 The User's request~~ For the purposes of paragraph 3.5.1 the User shall:

(a) provide to Transco a notification complying with the following: must specify:

(i) specify the identity of the User;

(ii) specify the relevant Supply Point Registration Number, and the Supply Meter Point Reference Number of the Supply Meter Point;

(iii) specify the date, not less than 11 Business Days after the User's request is submitted, on which Isolation is requested (which date shall not be binding on Transco) on which gas ceased to flow;

(iv) contain a Valid Meter Reading obtained on the date set out in sub-paragraph (iii) above; such further details (including details of the reason for the Isolation and details of the consumer) as may be required under the Isolation Siteworks Agreement

(v) specify whether the Supply Meter Installation remains connected at the Supply Meter Point;

(b) have complied with paragraph 3.5.6.

~~3.5.4 Subject to paragraph 3.5.5, within one Day of receipt of a notice complying with paragraph 3.5.3 Transco will amend the Supply Point Register to set the status of the Supply Meter Point to **"Isolated"** respond to the User's request confirming that the Isolation request has been accepted, and specifying the date, not earlier than and on or as soon as is in the circumstances reasonably practicable after the requested date, on which the Isolation is to be carried out, subject to and in accordance with the Isolation Siteworks Agreement.~~

~~3.5.5 Where the Supply Meter Point is a Shared Supply Meter Point Transco will not amend the Supply Point Register pursuant to paragraph 3.5.4 unless all Sharing Registered Users warrant that gas flow at all Supply Meter Points has ceased. accept a request for Isolation unless submitted by all the Sharing Registered Users.~~

~~3.5.6 Where a User requests an Isolation Transco will be entitled to assume that any Legal Requirement or code of practice relating to the cessation of supply to the consumer has been complied with provides a notification in accordance with paragraph 3.5.3 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 T/PR/GT4, engaged in the same type of undertaking and Transco will be entitled to assume that the User has complied with such obligation.

3.5.7 Transco will not amend the Supply Point Register pursuant to paragraph 3.5.4 in the event that:-

(a) the notification submitted pursuant to paragraph 3.5.3 does not comply with the requirements set out in such paragraph; or

(b) the User submitting the notification is not the Registered User for the relevant Supply Meter Point on the Day that the notice is received by Transco. ~~In accordance with paragraph 2.10.3, a User's request for Isolation will be cancelled where the User is or will no longer be the Registered User of the Supply Meter Point on the Day on which the Isolation is to be carried out.~~

3.5.8 A User may cancel a request made by it for Isolation by notice to Transco not later than 12:00 hours on the Day preceding the Day on which the Isolation is to be carried out; provided that Transco will use reasonable endeavours to accept notice of such cancellation given later than such time. ~~Not Used~~

3.5.9 The terms (as to payment and otherwise) upon which Transco carries out an Isolation will be those of the Isolation Siteworks Agreement (which does not form a part of and is not incorporated into the Code); and accordingly nothing in the Code shall make Transco liable to the User for any failure or delay in carrying out a requested Isolation. ~~Not Used~~

3.5.10 A Supply Meter Point will be treated as Isolated for the purposes of the Code (until and unless ~~Re-established in accordance with paragraph 3.7 reconnected~~) with effect from the Day on which the ~~Supply Point Register was amended pursuant to paragraph 3.5.4. Isolation was carried out.~~

Section G: 3.6 Urgent Isolations Cessation of Flow of Gas

3.6.1 Nothing in the Code shall prevent Transco from ~~ceasing the flow of gas at~~ ~~isolating~~ any Supply Meter Point ~~at the request of any person~~ where it appears to Transco that it is necessary to do so for the purposes of ensuring safety; and, for the avoidance of doubt, where it does so Transco shall not be in breach of its obligation to make gas available for offtake.

3.6.2 Where pursuant to paragraph 3.6.1 Transco ~~undertakes work to cease the flow of gas at~~ ~~isolates~~ a Supply Meter Point ~~other than~~ at the request of ~~a person other than~~ the Registered User:

(a) Transco will inform the Registered User ~~of such Isolation~~ as soon as reasonably practicable after ~~undertaking work to cease the flow of gas~~ ~~carrying out the Isolation~~;

(b) nothing in the Code shall make the Registered User liable to make any payment to Transco in respect of the ~~undertaking work to cease the flow of gas~~ ~~carrying out of the Isolation~~.

Section G: 3.7 Re-establishment

3.7.1 Where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated in accordance with paragraph 3.5.4 and Transco ~~becomes aware that gas is capable of being offtaken at that time (without further action being taken) from the System at such point then Transco shall notify the Registered User of such fact.~~

3.7.2 Where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated and the Registered User becomes aware (whether pursuant to paragraph 3.7.1 or otherwise) that gas is capable of being offtaken at that time (without

further action being taken) from the System at such point it shall forthwith notify Transco of such fact and Transco shall Re-establish such Supply Meter Point.

3.7.3 For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of a NDM Supply Meter Point which has been Re-established, NDM Supply Meter Point Demand will be determined in respect of that NDM Supply Meter Point in accordance with Section H2 from the date of such Re-establishment.

3.7.4 Where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated and is Re-established, and an Effective Supply Point Withdrawal has not occurred and the Supply Meter continues to remain physically connected to the System during the period from the date of Isolation to the date of Re-establishment then where gas was or is being offtaken from the System during such period, each Registered User in respect of the period for which it is or was the Registered User shall be liable for all charges (including without limitation Transportation Charges) associated with such Supply Meter Point as if it had not been so Isolated.

3.7.5 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 3.7.4 where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated and an Effective Supply Point Withdrawal has occurred and the Supply Meter continues to remain physically connected to the System then:

(a) where gas was or is being offtaken at such Supply Meter Point during such period the Relevant Registered User at the time of Isolation shall be liable for all charges (including without limitation Transportation Charges) associated with such Supply Meter Point, as if an Isolation or Effective Supply Point Withdrawal had not occurred;

(b) where gas has not been offtaken (but is capable of being offtaken without further action being taken) at such Supply Meter Point during such period then the Relevant Registered User shall be liable for Capacity Charges and Customer Charges associated with such Supply Meter Point, as if an Isolation or Effective Supply Point Withdrawal had not occurred.

3.7.6 “**Relevant Registered User**” is the Registered User for the period commencing on the date of Isolation and ending on the next Supply Point Registration Date.

3.7.7. Charges payable in accordance with paragraph 3.7.5 shall cease to accrue on the date when a notice has been received by Transco that suitable works have been undertaken to ensure that the Supply Meter Point is no longer capable of offtaking gas (without further action being taken) or until Re-establishment, provided that Transco will be entitled to levy such charges where Transco discovers that suitable works have not been undertaken.

Section G: 3.8 Disablement of Supply

3.8.1 In the event that a Supply Meter Point is Isolated and:

(a) the Supply Meter Installation remains physically connected to the System, the User who is the Registered User at the time of such Isolation shall ensure that upon Effective Supply Point Withdrawal such Supply Meter Installation is physically disconnected from the System within twelve months from the date of such Effective Supply Point Withdrawal; and

(b) in the event that the Supply Meter Installation is not physically disconnected within the period specified in sub paragraph (a) above Transco will (where no supply of gas is required at the Supply Meter Point) take such actions to disable the flow of gas and the User who was the Registered User at the time of Effective Supply Point Withdrawal shall pay Transco's costs (as contained in the Transportation Statement) in respect thereof. ~~therefore (such cost to be in accordance with the Transportation Statement)~~

Section M: 2.6 Meter clamping

~~2.6.1 Where the customer control valve of a Supply Meter is clamped, whether by the Registered User, supplier or any other person other than Transco, the Registered User shall so inform Transco promptly upon arranging for or otherwise becoming aware of such clamping.~~

~~2.6.2 Where:~~

~~(i) a Supply Meter is clamped in accordance with paragraph 2.6.1;~~

~~(ii) the Registered User fails to inform Transco of such clamping; and~~

~~(iii) Transco takes any step under paragraph 18 or 19 of the Gas Code in respect of any report to the effect that gas is not flowing to the Supply Point Premises or to appliances at such premise~~

~~the Registered User shall reimburse to Transco the cost and expense incurred by Transco in taking the steps referred to in paragraph (iii) above.~~

~~2.6.3 For the avoidance of doubt the clamping of a Supply Meter shall not be an Isolation (unless carried out by Transco as such).~~

Section M: 2.7 Not Used.

Section M: 3.9 Other non-cyclic meter reading requirements

3.9.1 The Registered User shall secure that a Valid Meter Reading is obtained and provided to Transco:

~~(a) (as required by Section G3.5.3(iv) 4.4) upon the Isolation of any Supply Meter Point in accordance with Section G3.5;~~

~~(b) upon the replacement (whether for examination, inspection, repair, maintenance or exchange or otherwise) of any Supply Meter, in respect of both the replaced and the replacement meter.~~

~~3.9.2 Where (in accordance with Section G3.5) Transco undertakes the Isolation of a Supply Meter Point in a manner which involves Transco having access to the Supply Meter, Transco will be responsible (on behalf of the Registered User) for complying with paragraph 3.9.1(i). Not Used.~~

~~3.9.3 Where (in accordance with paragraph 2.2) Transco undertakes the replacement of a Supply Meter, Transco will be responsible (on behalf of the Registered User) for complying with paragraph 3.9.1(ii). Not Used.~~

Yours sincerely,

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