

NETWORK CODE PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW

Amendment to allowable Access-denied for each User

Date: 18th November 1996

Proposed Report Date: 16th December 1996

Area of Network Code Concerned

Transition Document Part V, 3.3.7, 3.4.7 and 3.5.6.

Nature of Proposal

Background:

The Network Code contains a number of rigorous conditions that TransCo must satisfy before a site can be classified as Access-denied. For each Shipper there is a cap on allowable Access-denied of not more than 5% of the failed reads for the previous month. TransCo raised a Modification (0083) to the Network Code to remove the cap so that where TransCo can demonstrate access-denied situations, it is not subject to liabilities.

Due to concerns raised by a number of Shippers, the cap has not been removed, however the cap has been raised to 40% for a 2 month trial period, enabling Shippers to respond to the Access-denied reports and allow Shippers & TransCo to agree to a long term solution.

Proposal:

The review will consider how Access-denied should be dealt with to ensure that TransCo is not unfairly penalised where it is unable to provide a meter reading due to a meter being access-denied by:

- ♦ Clarifying the actual levels of Access-denied across the population.
- ♦ Review Shipper response to Access-denied reports and consider how TransCo can facilitate the process further.
- ♦ Considering whether it is appropriate to have a cap on Access-denied sites.

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