

Stage 01: Modification

0492:

Governance change – update to Mod Rules following Consumers' Representative's name change.

At what stage is this document in the process?



The Consumers' Representative name has changed from "The National Consumer Council" to "Citizens Advice". This change is to be reflected in the Modification Rules.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- subject to Fast Track Self-Governance



High Impact:
Insert name(s) of impact



Medium Impact:
Insert name(s) of impact



Low Impact: All parties to the UNC

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The panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and agree whether this modification should be):			 commercial.enquiries@xoserve.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject to Fast Track Self-Governance 			

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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

National Grid NTS believes that this modification should be a self-governance modification because:

- (i) it is unlikely to have a material effect on any of the following:
 - (a) existing or future gas consumers; and
 - (b) competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes; and
 - (c) the operation of one or more pipe-line system(s); and
 - (d) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and
 - (e) the uniform network code governance procedures or the network code modification procedures; and
- (ii) it is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of parties to the uniform network code/relevant gas transporters, gas shippers or DN operators.

Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

We believe this modification should be a Fast Track Self-Governance modification, and that the modification meets both the self-governance criteria and the fast track criteria in particular fast track criteria (b i) “updating names or addresses listed in the uniform network code”.

Why Change?

At the 156th Modification Panel held on 20th March 2014, Panel was advised that there had been recent changes to the National Consumer Council. It was agreed a modification was required to amend the Consumers’ Representative’s name within the Modification Rules.

Solution

Amendment to the Modification Rules to change references to the “National Consumer Council” to “Citizens Advice”.

Relevant Objectives

The modification will aid relevant objective f) “Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.”

Implementation

No known implementation costs, propose implementation as soon as possible.

2 Why Change?

At the 156th Modification Panel held on 20th March 2014, the Panel was advised that there had been recent changes to the National Consumer Council and that this had now been superseded by Citizens Advice. It was agreed a modification was required to correct references within the Modification Rules.

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3 Solution

Amendment to the Modification Rules to change any references from the “National Consumer Council” to “Citizens Advice”

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.

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

By ensuring the correct name is referenced in the Modification Rules it allows the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

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5 Implementation

There is no anticipated implementation cost, and it is proposed that the changes are implemented as soon as possible.

6 Legal Text

Uniform Network Code - Modification Rules

Amend paragraph 2.1 Defined terms as follows:

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"Consumers' Representative(s)":

- (a) the representative (if any) for the time being appointed by ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#); and
- (b) the representative (if any) of consumers for the time being appointed by the Authority, to the Modification Panel in accordance with these Rules;

.....

Amend paragraph 3.8 as follows:

3.8 Consumers' Representatives

The Consumers' Representative appointed by:

- (a) ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#) to be a Voting Member shall be an individual who is an employee, representative, officer or contractor of the ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#);

Amend paragraph 4.1.3 as follows:

- 4.1.3** ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#) and the Authority may, from time to time, by notice to the Secretary each identify one (1) individual to be appointed (and revoke any such appointment) as a **"Consumers' Representative"**.

Amend paragraph 4.4.2 (e) as follows:

- (e) a Consumers' Representative:
 - (i) where appointed by the ~~National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#), ~~the National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#) may, by notice to the Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed the ~~National Consumer Council~~ [Citizens Advice](#) appointed Consumers' Representative;
 - (ii) where appointed by the Authority, the Authority may, by notice to the Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed as the Authority's appointed Consumers' Representative;

7 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

- Determine that this modification should be subject to self-governance; and
- Determine that this modification should follow fast track procedures and be implemented

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