

Draft Modification Report
Modification Reference Number 0003

This modification report is made pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Modification Rules and follows the format required under Rule 8.12.4.

1. The Modification Proposal:

Suppliers need to be informed as soon as reasonably practicable whether a supply point confirmation has been rejected by TransCo as this will impact on whether the registration date previously agreed with the consumer can be adhered to. For the Domestic Market, this may also impact on when the consumer needs to take an opening meter read.

There needs to be an obligation on TransCo to provide the reject report to Shippers as soon as reasonable practical and in any case within 5 Business Days of receiving the confirmation.

2. Text provided pursuant to Rule 8.14:

G2.6.3 Where TransCo rejects the Supply Point Confirmation TransCo will inform the Proposing User as soon as reasonably practical and in any case within 5 Business Days from receipt of the Supply Point Confirmation of the provisions of the Code.....

3. TransCos opinion:

TransCo supports that this modification should be made as this formalizes TransCo's current business practice.

4. Extent to which the modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives:

This will facilitate the effective and orderly use of Opening Meter Reads supplied by end users.

5. The implications for TransCo of implementing the Modification Proposal, including:

a) implications for the operation of System and any BG Storage Facility:

There are no immediate implications on the operation of the system or of any BG storage facility.

b) development and capital cost and operating cost implications

There are negligible costs in implementing this modification as it reflects current business practice.

c) extent to which it is appropriate for TransCo to recover the costs, and proposal for the most appropriate way for TransCo to recover the costs:

Not applicable.

d) analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation:

Not applicable.

6. The consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal on the level of contractual risk to TransCo under the Network Code as modified by the Modification Proposal;

There is no additional contractual risk due to this modification

7. The development implications and other implications for computer systems of TransCo and related computer systems of Relevant Shippers;

There are no implications for computer systems of either TransCo or Relevant Shippers.

8. The implications of implementing the modification for Relevant Shippers.

TransCo has not been informed of the impact of the implementation of this proposed modification for Relevant Shippers.

9. The implications of implementing of the modification for terminal operators, suppliers, producers and, any Non-Network Code Party;

TransCo has not been informed of implications for other relevant persons of implementing this proposed modification.

10. Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of TransCo and each Relevant Shipper and Non-Network Code Party (if any), of the implementation of the Modification Proposal;

TransCo has not been informed of any consequences of the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of implementing this proposed modification.

11. Analysis of any advantages or disadvantages of the implementation of the Modification Proposal;

TransCo has not been informed of any advantages or disadvantages of implementing this proposed modification.

12. Summary of the representations (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in the modification report;

No additional representations have been made.

13. The extent to which the implementation is required to enable TransCo to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation;

The proposed modification is not required to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation.

14. Having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 3(5) or the statement, furnished by TransCo under Standard Condition 3(1) of the Licence;

The proposed modification is not required to comply with the above clause.

15. Programme of works required as a consequence of the implementation of the Modification Proposal;

Not applicable.

16. Proposed implementation timetable:

This modification should become effective the day after the Director gives consent to the modification. No system development work need to be undertaken in order to implement this modification.

17. Recommendation for the implementation of the modification:

TransCo recommend that the modification be implemented as soon as the Director gives consent to the modification.