

**CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0047**  
"Additional Data Requirements for DM Capacity Referrals "  
Version 2.0

**Date:** 26/08/2005

**Proposed Implementation Date:** 01/12/2005

**Urgency:** Non-Urgent

**Proposer's preferred route through modification procedures and if applicable, justification for Urgency**

(see the criteria at [http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/2752\\_Urgency\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/2752_Urgency_Criteria.pdf))

This Modification Proposal has been developed within the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Distribution Workstream. General consensus on its objectives was forthcoming. 'Proceed to consultation' is therefore requested.

**Nature and Purpose of Proposal (including consequence of non implementation)**

Pursuant to Uniform Network Code (UNC) section G5.1.3, a User is able to apply for revision of (by increasing or decreasing) Registered DM Supply Point Capacity. Such requests are in all cases directed to the relevant Gas Distribution Network or National Grid Transmission for assessment.

In addressing such requests, a number of Gas Distribution Networks have experienced difficulty. This is due to the fact that the UNC requires that Users provide limited data with respect to the 'site' at which a revision to capacity is required.

Currently, the UNC requires Users to provide;

- The Supply Point Confirmation Reference number,
- One Meter Point Reference ('M') Number relevant to the Supply Point for which a capacity revision is being sought,
- The requested revised capacities (daily and hourly), and
- The requested date of commencement for the revised capacities.

The non-specific nature of the second item (above) creates uncertainty for relevant Transporters where a 'multi metered' Supply Point is encountered. Given that the User is not required to provide the 'M' number relevant to the capacity request, on occasions, Transporters are unable to identify the meter where an increase in capacity is required.

It has been identified that to increase the efficiency of the Transporters response with respect to the sustainability of the capacity revision, there is a requirement for additional 'site specific'

data. Transco believes provision of such data would facilitate the efficiency with which Relevant Transporters are able to process capacity referrals (potentially avoiding the need for 'on site' visits) and would increase confidence in the accuracy and timeliness of the response.

Consequently it is proposed to amend the UNC to reflect that the following additional data items are required by Transporters in order to address a Capacity Revision Application (pursuant to UNC section G5.1.4):

- Proposed Annual Quantity
- Intention or otherwise to install a compressor or booster
- Meter Point Reference for increased load (replacing the existing requirement: "One Meter Point Reference ('M') Number relevant to the Supply Point for which a capacity revision is being sought"),
- Shipper contact details (name, telephone, e-mail)

Additionally, it is proposed to modify the UNC to reflect that when considering a Capacity Revision Application, Transporters may reasonably request any additional information from the following list in order to assess the application:

- Information for other Meter Points impacted by the request for increased capacity, including meter points where the load may have reduced.
- Proposed Load profile (annual and daily)
- Phasing of development

It is also proposed to modify the UNC to establish the circumstances under which Transporters may reject a referral request – specifically where the above data items (including those additionally requested) are not provided.

In the event that it is necessary for the Transporter to assess the feasibility of making gas available for offtake (requiring a notice period of 21 Business Days), it is proposed that the Transporter be required to provide a response to the User (in accordance with UNC Principal Document G5.1.7 or G5.1.8) by the end of the 18th Business day following submission of the Capacity Revision Application.

It is proposed that where requested by the Transporter, the User will facilitate procurement of permission and access for the transporter to visit the consumers premises to establish any information required to address the request for increased capacity.

**Basis upon which the Proposer considers that it will better facilitate the achievement of the Relevant Objectives, specified in Standard Special Condition A11.1 & 2 of the Gas Transporters Licence**

Transco believes that the measures identified within this Modification Proposal furthers the GT Licence 'relevant objectives' of facilitating '*the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates*' and '*the coordinated, efficient and economic operation of*

*the combined pipe-line system and/or the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters*'. This is achieved by seeking to ensure that relevant Transporters are furnished with all the required data in order to assess requests for revised capacity at relevant Meter Points in a timely manner.

**Any further information (Optional), likely impact on systems, processes or procedures, Proposer's view on implementation timescales and suggested text**

The provision of the additional data by Users will not require changes to existing file formats or UK-Link system. Users would be required to provide data directly to networks or National Grid Transmission via e-mail or fax.

**Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs**

Uniform Network Code Section G5.1.4

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