0083: Proposal to insert obligations to process data received from iGTs in line with the requirements as outlined within Annex A of the Connected System Exit Point (CSEP) Network Exit Agreement (NExA) v2.0

CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0083

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Version 2.0

Date: 12/04/2006

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/10/2006

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)

This issue has been discussed extensively at the Distribution Workstream. It is proposed that it should now proceed directly to Consultation. However, the Workstream recognised that this Proposal is linked to proposed modifications to iGT Network Codes and would recommend a single implementation date for any of these proposals which Ofgem direct should be implemented.

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

Management of the large Transporter and iGT relationship is governed by the Connected System Exit Point ("CSEP") Network Exit Agreement ("NExA"), with the relationship between the CSEP User and the appropriate Gas Transporter governed by the relevant Network Code. iGTs are required under the terms of the CSEP NExA to submit timely updates to large Transporters to allow them to calculate output quantities, the proportion of transportation costs relating to large Transporters, to facilitate the reconciliation of Larger Supply Points as obliged under the terms of the UNC and to perform an AQ Review for all Larger and Smaller Supply Points, the procedure following the same process and timescales as those applied by large Transporters in accordance with the UNC .

Although the contractual terms of the CSEP NExA outline in certain circumstances the timing and method for provision of data and the responsibilities of each party involved, no direct reference to the requirements to process this data is currently present within the UNC.

The intention of this Modification Proposal is to insert into the UNC a requirement for Transporters to process data received from iGTs in a timely manner. The proposed processing of data received and the required timescales are as follows:

Supply Point Classification

Large Transporters should be required to keep iGTs informed in a timely manner of the development of End User Categories (EUC) for each Gas Year for which they are applicable.

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All Logical Meter Number (LMN) AQ updates (as a consequence of AQ Review) are required to be issued by individual iGTs to Large Transporters by the 10th business day prior to 1 October in each year. Large Transporters should be obliged to process the resulting data received within 2 Business Days of receipt.

AQ Updates

IGTs are required to perform LMN AQ Updates on a weekly basis. Large Gas Transporters should be required to validate data received and either reject or process the data received within 2 Business Days of receipt.

It is proposed that no amendment to the frequency and timing of these updates should be permitted without prior consultation with CSEP Users and approval by Ofgem, via the UNC Modification process.

I&C NDM Reconcilations

On each occasion when a Valid Meter Reading is received by the iGT (in respect of a larger NDM Supply Meter Point) within 30 days of such receipt, the iGT is obliged to inform large Transporters of the corrected volume in m3 (calculated by use of the Valid Meter Reading) for an identified period of time. Following the receipt of corrected volumes from iGTs, large Transporters should be obliged to acknowledge receipt of data received within 2 Business Days of receipt.

This Modification Proposal has been raised in order to introduce within the UNC requirements for Large Transporters to process data received from iGTs in relation to AQ Updates and I&C Reconcilation values in a timely manner. Failure to implement this Modification would result in continued risk for CSEP Users that data received from iGTs will not be processed in a timely manner.

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

Implementation of this Proposal should help to ensure that the iGT related AQ Updates and I&C Reconcilations are processed in a timely manner. Implementation would therefore be expected to ensure that costs were appropriately allocated between Users, and so better facilitate the securing of effective competition between relevant Shippers.

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

Suggested legal text is not submitted at this time.

Proposed Implementation Date: 1 October 2006, or later if necessary to coincide with implementation of related Modification Proposals to iGT Network Codes

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

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