

CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0087

"Single Centralised On-line Gas Enquiry Service - Removal of redundant UNC provisions"
Version 1.0

Date: 31/05/2006

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/11/2006

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)

Urgent procedures are not sought for this Modification Proposal. This Modification Proposal has been discussed within the Distribution Workstream at the May 2006 meeting. As such, further development is not required and the Modification is now in a suitable state to proceed direct to consultation.

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

Standard Special Condition A31 of the Large Transporter's licence requires Transporters to provide a Supply Point Information Service.

Work carried out by the Customer Transfer Programme (CTP) industry project identified a requirement for the implementation of a national online Meter Point enquiry service, the Single Centralised Online Gas Enquiry Service (SCOGES). The SCOGES working group, at the request of the Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) Executive Committee, developed this requirement into a formal Business Requirements Specification.

The requirement for SCOGES is to implement, provide and utilise a national repository of all gas Meter Points within Great Britain, covering all Transporters. SCOGES is intended to be available to all Transporters, Shippers and Suppliers, and some non-domestic customers. It will provide the primary route of investigation for Transporter enquiries.

Suppliers will be required to utilise SCOGES to resolve Transporter enquiries prior to contacting the Transporter by email or telephone in order to realise savings for the Transporter in receiving and processing email and telephone queries.

National Grid already has obligations to provide an information service within the UNC (Transportation Principal Document paragraphs G1.9.10, G1.9.11 and G1.9.12 and General Terms paragraph B5.1.1(d)) in accordance with Transporters licence conditions and therefore wishes to avoid dual governance and potential conflict.

It is therefore proposed that relevant provisions relating to the Supply Point Information Service, planned to be replaced by terms under SPAA governance, be removed.

Under the UNC, Large Transporters also provide Supply Point Information services in addition to those within the remit of SCOGES. These include a 'Request for Information (RFI)' telephone enquiry facility, E-Mail services and the periodic issue of Supply Meter Point data on CD-ROMs. It is proposed that references to the provision of these additional services (identified within the Supply Point Information Service Guidelines) also be removed from the UNC given that it is proposed that they be incorporated within the SPAA as a general Transporter obligation.

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

Dual governance does not promote an efficient and economic operating model. In this respect it is necessary to seek to facilitate removal of specific UNC provisions to accommodate relevant Supply Point Information services within the SPAA.

Removal of provisions from the UNC does not affect obligations incumbent on Transporters to provide relevant Supply Point Information to Users in accordance with Standard Special Condition A31. Furthermore the SPAA schedule which specifies the facilities to be provided within the remit of SCOGES identifies that Users will have access to all relevant services.

This measure could therefore be expected to promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Uniform Network Code.

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

Implementation of this Modification Proposal, requiring paragraphs 1.9.10, 1.9.11 and 1.9.12 of Section G of the Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document and paragraph 5.1.1(d) of Section B of the Uniform Network Code – General Terms, to be removed from the Uniform Network Code is contingent on implementation to the SPAA of the requirements contained in v1.2 Business Requirements Specification for SCOGES relating to the provision of Large Transporter data.

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

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