

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0231

SHORT TITLE: Step Change Renomination

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TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION: 1 July 1998 (approx)

URGENCY: Non-urgent

JUSTIFICATION:

Functionality for multi step renominations was introduced in Release 3 (April 1997) of AT Link, which allows shippers to enter multiple renominations with respect to DM sites and system entry points in one transaction. The service has received some use to date, however there is a need to explicitly acknowledge it within the Network Code to broaden industry awareness of the facility and to allay concerns that the service may be withdrawn.

Step change functionality allows several renomination quantities and effective times to be posted together, enabling shippers to reflect their knowledge of impending flow variations at DM sites and system entry points quickly and accurately. Usage is particularly appropriate when making short period renominations during the day; to post the renomination for the amount of gas to be offtaken until the end of the day and a subsequent renomination to reflect the flow ceasing before the end of the day.

This modification is being raised following discussions at the Energy Workstream. It proposes to clarify the Network Code wording for a service that already exists, which Transco believes to be useful at DM supply point offtakes and system entry points.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT MAKING THIS CHANGE:

Shippers would have no clear guidelines for making use of the step change renominations service and the current absence of appropriate Network Code rules will remain.

AREA OF NETWORK CODE CONCERNED:

Principal Document, Section C1 - Nominations and Section C5 - Renominations.

NATURE OF PROPOSAL:

To incorporate step change renomination within the Network Code.

The facility allows specification of the nomination quantity for each hour of the day remaining, enabling shippers to enter multiple renominations and effective times to reflect expected variations in offtake.

Example:

A load known to be coming on at midday for 12 hours only, with a total offtake of 24. An initial nomination would therefore be 24. After 18.00 on D-1 the shipper would post a two step renomination as follows:

Start time 12.00 End of day quantity 36*

Start time 00.00 End of day quantity 24**

* The shipper knows that 24 units will be offtaken in 12 hours ie. 2 units per hour. From 12.00 there are 18 hours remaining in the gas day, therefore if this rate were maintained for the whole period 36 units would flow.

** The shipper is aware that the load will go off at 00.00 after which no more gas will flow, the renomination quantity is therefore the 24 ie. the amount of gas flowed in the previous 12 hours plus the amount that will flow for the rest of the day (zero).

Consistent with current renomination rules, shippers are not entitled make a step change renomination if a negative implied flow rate results for any hour of the day. It is further proposed that the minimum amount of one half of the percentage of the relevant balancing tolerance by which a renomination must increase or decrease the output nomination should not apply to step change renominations which do not result in increases or decreases to the nominated quantity.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:

To put clear guidelines in place for usage of the step change renominations service, which saves shippers time through making the renominations process less cumbersome and makes Transco knowledge of shipper renominations more immediate.

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