

Variation Request

Modification 0324 “Code Governance Review: Significant Code Reviews Version 4.0”

Date: 13/10/2010

The Proposer, National Grid Transmission, requests a variation to this Proposal, pursuant to UNC Modification Rules Section 6.5.1(c) of the UNC.

Reason for Variation

Following discussion at the Governance Workstream meeting on 4th October 2010, National Grid Transmission would like to reflect the views, comments and suggestions made by introducing a number of changes to the Modification Proposal which we believe will aid clarification and enable the proposal to more accurately reflect the requirements of SSC A11 15A, 15B and 15C.

Nature of Variation

Updates proposed to the Proposal cover the following aspects;

- Replacement of specific references to sections of the UNC Modification Rules with “UNC Modification Rules” to allow flexibility on how the legal text can be developed and so aid understanding of the new arrangements and the context of this proposal.
- Clarification regarding the timescales of a Significant Code Review (SCR), namely the introduction of an ‘SCR Phase’ defined term and clarification of when an SCR ends.
- Further clarification regarding the circumstances when and how a written assessment, as described in the proposal, will be submitted to Authority; including;
 - The Modification Panel will assess all non urgent Modification Proposals raised during a SCR phase and determine whether or not a proposal relates to a commenced SCR.
 - The Modification Panel will then instruct the Secretary to submit the written assessment to the Authority seeking its direction.
- Further clarification regarding the information to be contained within the above written assessment submitted to the Authority. We seek to vary the proposal to ensure the following are also included within the written assessment:
 - The reasons for the Modification Panel’s assessment;
 - Any representations received by the transporters regarding the suitability of the proposal to follow the significant code review route; and
 - Whether any exceptions as described in SSC A11 15A (a) or (b) are applicable to allow the relevant Modification Proposal to continue to progress through the Modification Procedures.
- Further clarification regarding the treatment of a Modification Proposal in response to the receipt of the Authority’s direction following the submission of the above written

assessment;

- In relation to the relevant Modification Proposal, the proposal shall not proceed any further through the Modification Procedures where the Authority has directed that the proposal is related to a commenced SCR and it should not proceed.
- If the Authority determines that the relevant Modification Proposal is not related to a commenced SCR, or directs that the proposal should continue irrespective of any relationship to a commenced SCR, the Modification Procedures will not be suspended and the proposal will continue to progress through the Modification Rules.
- Explanation that where a Modification Proposal is raised following a direction from the Authority and is seeking to implement the recommendations of the SCR, this shall be clearly identified in the Modification Reports.

A change marked version of the proposal is available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0324

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