# NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No: 0442

"Amendment to the provisions governing Network Code Isolation Meter Unbundling – Non Daily Read Meters"
Version 1.0

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**Proposed Implementation Date:** 01/03/2001

**Urgency:** Non-Urgent

## Justification

The Isolation Siteworks Agreement (ISA) is an agreement which is required to enable a User to request and Transco to grant a Network Code Isolation. It is not used for the purposes of carrying out physical works. Currently the ISA is a separate document from the Network Code and is subject to annual review by Transco and Users. Transco proposes that the terms of the ISA should be incorporated as necessary within the Network Code rather than continuing as a separate document.

## Nature of Proposal

The ISA replaced certain provisions in Section G3 of the Network Code Principal Document which were either incorrect or rendered redundant as a result of implementation of the ISA and were not removed.

Modification of the Network Code is required to remove or correct the redundant isolations drafting in Section G of the Network Code, and to incorporate relevant provisions of the ISA in the Network Code..

## Purpose of Proposal

Following discussion of the issue and development of legal drafting in the SPA/Metering Workstream Transco has raised this Modification Proposal. Its purposes are to eliminate the Network Code requirement to maintain the ISA and ensure that the isolations provisions contained within the Network Code are updated to be consistent with the current regime.

## Consequence of not making this change

The present redundancy or incorrect description of the isolations provisions within the Network Code will not be addressed and it will be necessary to maintain the Isolation Siteworks Agreement as a separate Network Code document.

## Area of the Network Code concerned

Principal Document Sections G and M. See drafting attached.

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**Proposed Network Code (Principal Document) drafting**

**SECTION G**

**2.4.2(i)**

*Remove paragraph 2.4.2(i) and replace with:-*

"the Supply Meter Point Reference Number of any Supply Meter Point comprised in the Proposed Supply Point is Isolated; and"

**2.5.5**

*Delete paragraph 2.5.5 and replace with:-*

"2.5.5 A Supply Point Confirmation may not be made, and Transco will reject any Supply Point Confirmation submitted (except in respect of a Shared Supply Meter Point), in respect of a Proposed Supply Point comprising any Supply Meter Point comprised in a Proposed Supply Point in respect of which any other Supply Point Confirmation has been made and is (in accordance with paragraph 2.5.9) outstanding."

**2.10.2 - 2.10.3**

Remove paragraphs 2.10.2 and 2.10.3 and renumber paragraph 2.10.4 as 2.10.2.

**3.2.1**

*Delete and replace with:-*

"A Supply Point Withdrawal shall become effective only where each of the Withdrawing Supply Meter Points either:-

(i) is comprised in another Supply Point (of which the Registered User may be the Withdrawing User); or

(ii) has been Isolated; or

(iii) the Supply Meter Point status has been recorded as dead following physical works by Transco to sever any service pipe in which situation the Supply Meter Point shall be deemed Isolated,

and the date with effect from which the Supply Point Withdrawal is effective shall be the Supply Point Registration Date (of such other Supply Point) or the Isolation Date or the latest of any such date."

**3.2.6**

Delete paragraph 3.2.6.

**3.4 ISOLATION: GENERAL**

3.4.1 shall read:

"3.4.1 (a) For the purposes of the Code "**Isolation**" of a Supply Meter Point shall mean the recording, by Transco, of the status of a Supply Meter Point (in respect of which a Disconnection or Discontinuance has occurred) as isolated and "**Isolate, Isolated**" shall each be construed accordingly.

(b) "**Disconnection**" shall mean works carried out by Transco pursuant to its powers under the Act or Transco Licence for the purposes of securing that gas cannot be offtaken from the System at a Supply Meter Point and "**Disconnecting, Disconnects**" shall each be construed accordingly.

(c) "**Discontinuance**" shall mean works to be carried out by a supplier, (or such person acting on behalf of the supplier as agent) pursuant to its powers under the Act or Supplier's Licence for the purpose of securing that gas cannot be offtaken from the System at a Supply Meter Point and "**Discontinue, Discontinued**" shall each be construed accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt Transco or a User may act as agent of the supplier in performing a Discontinuance.

(d) "**Disconnection Procedures**" are procedures to apply in respect of Disconnections established by Transco, after consultation with Users and from time to time revised.

(e) "**Discontinuance Procedures**" are procedures to apply in respect of Discontinuances established by Transco, after consultation with Users and from time to time revised.

(f) "**Isolation Request**" shall mean a request to Isolate made by a Registered User and delivered to Transco under the Isolation Procedures.

(g) "**Isolation Date**" shall mean the date on which Isolation occurs as notified by Transco, pursuant to paragraph 3.5.3.

(h) "**Isolation Procedures**" are procedures to apply in respect of Isolations established by Transco, after consultation with Users and from time to time revised.

(i) "**Re-establish**" shall mean the re-setting by Transco of the previously recorded Isolated status of a Supply Meter Point to indicate gas is flowing where works have been carried out by qualified persons to secure the offtake of gas at Supply Meter Point and "**Re-established, Re-establishment**" shall each be construed accordingly.

3.4.2 Subject to paragraph 3.4.3, where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated (and unless it is Re-established pursuant to paragraph 3.4.6) the person who is or was the Registered User of the Supply Point in which it is or was comprised shall cease to be responsible for gas offtaken from the System at the Supply Meter Point.

3.4.3 In the case of an NDM Supply Meter Point which has been Isolated (and unless and until it is Re-established pursuant to paragraph 3.4.6) NDM Supply Meter Point Demand will cease to be determined in respect of that NDM Supply Meter Point in accordance with Section H2.

3.4.4 Where a Discontinuance is carried out at a Supply Meter Point the Registered User must obtain and provide to Transco a Valid Meter Reading obtained at the date of Discontinuance and such other information as is required to be notified to Transco in accordance with the Act and the Gas Meter (Information on Connection and Disconnection) Regulations 1996 and the relevant Discontinuance Procedure. The Registered User shall ensure that within 28 days of any Discontinuance any equipment owned by Transco is returned to Transco or notified as being available and ready for collection by Transco in the same condition as removed from the premises and notify Transco of any defects in the equipment.

3.4.5 The Registered User shall notify Transco at least forty-eight (48) hours before or after any works are undertaken to secure the offtake of gas at the Supply Meter Point where the Registered User is aware of any such works.

3.4.6 Where a Supply Meter Point has been Isolated, it may be Re-established as the responsibility of the Registered User by Transco, where Transco reasonably identifies or is notified that gas is capable of being offtaken at that Supply Meter Point provided that a Supply Point Withdrawal has not occurred."

**3.5**

*Shall read:-*

**"3.5 Isolation Request**

3.5.1 An Isolation Request may only be made by a Registered User where either:-

(i) Transco has carried out a Disconnection or Discontinuance subject to the provisions contained in the Disconnection Procedures and Discontinuance Procedures and the relevant Siteworks Contract for such Disconnection or Discontinuance; or

(ii) the Registered User has carried out a Discontinuance subject to the provisions contained within the Discontinuance Procedures and paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5.

3.5.2 The Isolation Request must specify:-

(i) the identity of the User; and

(ii) the relevant Supply Meter Point Reference Number of the Supply Meter Point; and

(iii) the date of Disconnection or Discontinuance.

3.5.3 Transco will Isolate the Supply Meter Point (provided Transco are satisfied such Isolation Request has been made in accordance with paragraph 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 and it is reasonably practicable to do so) within five (5) Business Days of the Isolation Request or the date of Disconnection or

Discontinuance if later and notify the Registered User of Isolation within a reasonable period following such Isolation.

3.5.4 Transco will not accept and is not obliged to accept an Isolation Request:

(i) where to do so would place Transco in breach of any duties or obligations contained within any Legal Requirement or under Code;

(ii) for a Shared Supply Meter Point unless such a request is submitted by all the Sharing Registered Users;

(iii) for any Supply Meter Point which may be supplying a Sub-deduct Arrangement unless requests have been submitted for all the Sub-deduct Arrangement which is supplied by such Supply Meter Point.

3.5.5 If Transco refuses to accept an Isolation Request then it will give the reason for the refusal within five (5) Business Days of such an Isolation Request or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

3.5.6 Where a User makes an Isolation Request, Transco will be entitled to assume that the User has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that any Discontinuance has been carried out by suitably competent personnel using all reasonable care, skill and diligence and in compliance with any Legal Requirement, code of practice, relevant Discontinuance Procedures relating to such Discontinuance.

3.5.7 In the event that it becomes evident that the terms of paragraph 3.5.6 have not been complied with in respect of any Discontinuance then the User who made such Isolation

Request shall fully indemnify and keep indemnified Transco against any loss, claim, proceedings, costs, compensation, damages, actions, demands, additional costs including rectification of any defect in respect thereof or in relation thereto (on an indemnity basis) which may arise whatsoever.

3.5.8 In the event gas continues to be offtaken at the Supply Meter Point which has been subject of an Isolation as a result of a failure to Discontinue in accordance with paragraph 3.5.6 then the User shall be liable for any Transportation Charges calculated as a result of such failure to secure that gas cannot be offtaken at the Supply Meter Point.

3.5.9 A Supply Meter Point will be treated as Isolated for the purposes of Code (until and unless Re-established in accordance with paragraph 3.4.6) with effect from the Isolation Date."

**3.6**

*Shall read:-*

**"3.6 Urgent Disconnection**

3.6.1 Nothing in the Code shall prevent Transco from Disconnecting any Supply Meter Point at the request of any person where it appears to Transco that it is necessary to do so in pursuance and compliance with a Legal Requirement, and where it does so Transco shall not be in breach of its obligation to make gas available for offtake. "

3.6.2 - Delete

**G6.9.2(a)**

Delete the words "isolate or".

**G7.1.1(iv)**

*Amend Section G7.1.1(iv) to read:*

"7.1.1 (iv) undertaking a Discontinuance or Disconnection or reconnecting any Supply Meter Point where a Discontinuance or Disconnection has taken place:"

**<u>SECTION M</u>**

**2.1.1**

*Delete the word* "isolated" *and replace with* "Discontinued or Disconnected".

2.6.3

*Delete paragraph M.2.6.3*

3.9.1

*Delete the word* "Isolation" *and replace with* "Discontinuance or Disconnection".

3.9.2

*Delete paragraph M3.9.2 and renumber paragraph M3.9.3 as paragraph M3.9.2.*