

OFGEM DECISION LETTER No. 0560
"Publication of indicative maintenance schedule"
Version 1.0

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28 June 2002

UK Transco, Shippers and Other Interested Parties

Our Ref : Net/Cod/Mod/0560

Dear Colleague,

Modification Proposal 0560 ‘Publication of indicative maintenance schedule’

Ofgem has considered the request from Aep Energy Services Ltd for Modification Proposal 0560, ‘Publication of indicative maintenance schedule ’ to follow urgent procedures. We agree that this modification merits urgent status.

This modification proposal provides for an amendment to the Network Code to require Transco to publish each year an indicative annual maintenance programme at least one week before the annual NTS entry capacity auctions. Under the proposal, the indicative annual maintenance schedule would be based on the current April and October maintenance programme reports but would cover the period from October to September for the forthcoming year. Transco would be required in the report to set out the impact of any planned maintenance on entry capacity availability for all system entry points.

Transco anticipates that the forthcoming monthly system entry capacity auctions would start in early August 2002. Urgent status is necessary to ensure that a decision on this proposal is made well before these auctions. In particular, an urgent decision will provide Transco and shippers with certainty about the maintenance information that will be available for the forthcoming auctions and the nature of the information that will be available to shippers in formulating their bidding strategies.

The timetable for the modification proposal to follow urgent status is set out below.

<i>Issued to Ofgem for decision on</i>	28 June 2002
<i>urgency</i>	
<i>Proposal agreed as urgent</i>	28 June 2002
<i>Proposal issued for consultation</i>	28 June 2002
<i>Close out for representations</i>	8 July 2002
<i>Final report to Ofgem</i>	10 July 2002
<i>Ofgem decision expected</i>	12 July 2002

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the above number or Lyn Camilleri on 020 7901 7431.

Yours sincerely,

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