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Dear Colleague,

Request for urgent status for modification proposal 704: 'Revised requirement for users to ensure non-domestic Supply Meter Installations are installed and maintained by accredited Meter Asset Managers'.

Ofgem has considered Transco's request that urgent procedures be applied to this modification proposal.

At the industry-wide IMSIF meeting on 25 June 2004 the industry agreed to cutover to the RGMA business processes on 12 July 2004 subject to a number of caveats which have now been addressed.

The Proposer states that the effective management of gas meter assets requires the awareness of, and conformance with, a considerable number of regulatory requirements and industry standards including those required by the Gas Act, Gas Installation and Use Regulations, CORGI, Ofgem and the Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers. These documents have been referenced in one place, providing a "route map" for conformance. The document is called the Meter Asset Manager Code of Practice (MAMCoP).

The Proposer is seeking to mitigate its perceived risk associated with the increasing liberalisation of the meter asset management market by including in the Network Code the requirement for Suppliers to use accredited Meter Asset Managers and by implication the requirement to adopt the MAMCoP principles. It is proposed that these arrangements would stay in place for 2 years.

Ofgem consider the proposal addresses matters that are sufficiently material to warrant urgent consideration.

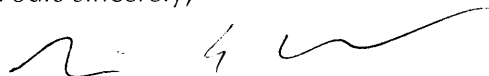
In any event, Ofgem would like to make clear that the fact that Urgent status has been granted should not be taken as an indication that Ofgem has in any way made an assessment of the merits of the proposal.

Taking into account that the industry will be occupied with the implementation of the RGMA Baseline Ofgem has revised the timetable for the modification proposal to follow Urgent status as follows:

ACTIVITY	Transco's Suggested Timetable	Ofgem's Revised Timetable	Status
Issued to Ofgem for decision on urgency	7 July 2004	7 July 2004	Completed
Proposal agreed as urgent	8 July 2004	8 July 2004	Completed
Proposal issued for consultation	8 July 2004	8 July 2004	Completed
Close out for representations	14 July 2004	21 July 2004	Outstanding
Final report to Ofgem	16 July 2004	23 July 2004	Outstanding
Ofgem decision expected w/c	19 July 2004	26 July 2004	Outstanding

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the number above or Mark Baldock on 020 7901 7221.

Yours sincerely,



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