

**Draft Modification Report**  
**UK Link Business Support Agreement Reporting Period, change from a 4/4/5 week cycle to calendar months**  
**Modification Reference Number 0708**  
Version 1.0

This Draft Modification Report is made pursuant to Rule 7.3 of the Modification Rules and follows the format required under Rule 8.9.3.

## **1. The Modification Proposal**

Currently Transco provide the systems availability and fault reports on a 4/4/5 week period and these are shared with the business community at each UK Link Committee meeting, normally the 3rd Thursday of each month. An example of a period is No.105 which covers the period 16/08/04 to 19/09/04, which would be presented to the October UK Link Committee.

The proposal is to realign the reporting pattern to calendar months, providing the month beginning to month end data at the following months UK Link Committee meeting. For example, September data 01/09/04 to 30/09/04 would be presented to the October UK Link Committee meeting..

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## **2. Transco's Opinion**

It is Transco's opinion that this Modification Proposal should be implemented as it will provide efficiencies in the production of reports, bring clarity and meaning to the period being reported on and remove ambiguity between various reports within the business community.

## **3. Extent to which the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives**

The proposal aims to gain efficiencies in the production of reports. Whilst there is no change to the Network Code, because the reference to reporting periods is held in the UK Link Manual IS Service Definition Appendix 2 Performance Levels, which is a legally binding table, it can only be changed by way of a modification proposal and following the modification procedures.

## **4. The implications for Transco of implementing the Modification Proposal , including** **a) implications for the operation of the System:**

None

**b) development and capital cost and operating cost implications:**

None

**c) extent to which it is appropriate for Transco to recover the costs, and proposal for the most appropriate way for Transco to recover the costs:**

Not applicable.

**d) analysis of the consequences (if any) this proposal would have on price regulation:**

None

**5. The consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal on the level of contractual risk to Transco under the Network Code as modified by the Modification Proposal**

Implementation of this Modification Proposal would not increase the level of Transco's contractual risk.

**6. The development implications and other implications for computer systems of Transco and related computer systems of Users**

There are no implications for the computer systems of Transco and Transco does not expect any implications for Users but would welcome their views.

**7. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Users**

Transco will ensure that the reporting at the UK Link Committee meeting following implementation will be done on both the old period basis and the new calendar month end basis so that there are no gaps. Transco would welcome views from Users on any other anticipated implications.

**8. The implications of implementing the Modification Proposal for Terminal Operators, Consumers, Connected System Operators, Suppliers, producers and, any Non-Network Code Party**

There are no implications for the above parties.

**9. Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of Transco and each User and Non-Network Code Party of implementing the Modification Proposal**

No changes to contractual relationships are anticipated.

**10. Analysis of any advantages or disadvantages of implementation of the Modification Proposal**

**Advantages:**

It will allow more efficient production of reports

It will bring clarity and meaning to the period being reported on  
It remove ambiguity between various reports within the business community.

**Disadvantages:**

Transco believes there are no disadvantages

**11. Summary of the Representations (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in the Modification Report)**

Representations are now sought

**12. The extent to which the implementation is required to enable Transco to facilitate compliance with safety or other legislation**

Not applicable.

**13. The extent to which the implementation is required having regard to any proposed change in the methodology established under Standard Condition 4(5) or the statement furnished by Transco under Standard Condition 4(1) of the Licence**

Not applicable.

**14. Programme of works required as a consequence of implementing the Modification Proposal**

None

**15. Proposed implementation timetable (including timetable for any necessary information systems changes)**

1st November 2004

**16. Recommendation concerning the implementation of the Modification Proposal**

Transco recommends implementation of this proposal

**17. Text**

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The relevant part of the table is attached for reference.

<b><i>Performance Parameter</i></b>	<b><i>Performance Period / Performance Levels</i></b>	<b><i>Notes</i></b>
<i>Reporting Period</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Monthly reports will be issued on the basis of a <del>4,4,5 week cycle</del> <u>calendar months</u></i>

***Representations are now sought in respect of this Draft Report and prior to Transco finalising the Report***

Signed for and on behalf of Transco.

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