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Transco, Shippers and other interested parties

Dear Colleague,

Request for urgent status for modification proposal 711: 'Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at BP sub-terminal at Dimlington'.

Ofgem has agreed to the request that modification proposal 711 'Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at BP sub-terminal at Dimlington' follow urgent procedures. In this letter Ofgem explains the reasons for this decision and sets out the envisaged timetable to be followed.

The modification proposal seeks to amend the network entry provisions at the BP sub-terminal at Dimlington, such as to revise the gas quality specification at that sub-terminal, obviating the need for low Wobbe gas to be blended with higher Wobbe gas in order to raise its specification. The proposer states that this will enable additional supplies of gas to be delivered at the Dimlington sub-terminal, in order to meet the gas demand requirements of the 2004/05 winter.

In determining whether to grant urgent status to this modification proposal, Ofgem has considered the criteria it generally applies to such requests¹. In this instance, the modification relates to a time related event insofar as the relevant gas year commences 1 October 2004. The granting of urgent status and adherence to the timetable set out below would ensure that the proposal is in a position to be decided upon and if appropriate implemented in readiness for the gas year 2004/05. In coming to this decision, Ofgem has also been mindful of its statutory duty to secure that, so far as it is economical to meet them, all reasonable demands for gas are met. The timetable for this modification proposal will therefore be as follows:

Proposal issued to Ofgem for decision on urgency	07/09/04
Proposal agreed as urgent	08/09/04
Circulate to Users requesting representation	08/09/04
Representation close-out	15/09/04

¹ www.ofgem.gov.uk/static/cache/cms/attachment/2732_Urgency%20Criteria.pdf

Urgent modification report issued to Ofgem
Ofgem decision expected by

22/09/04
30/09/04

In accepting this request for urgency, Ofgem has made no assessment of the merits of the actual modification proposal. Furthermore, Ofgem is disappointed that the issue of urgency has arisen in this instance, as none of the circumstances set out in the proposal appear to be unforeseen. Ofgem urges parties considering future modification proposals to also give consideration to the need for both an appropriate consultation and thorough assessment of the issues as part of the decision making process.

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the number above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Simpson', written over a vertical line.

Nick Simpson
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