

Agenda: Pre-Modification Panel Briefing
Meeting Details: 13:00, 15 August 2016
Teleconference: 0207 950 1251, access code 21870295#
Documentation at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/180816>

Dear Colleague,

Please note that we will be hosting a pre-Modification Panel briefing by teleconference starting at **13:00 on Monday 15 August 2016**. Discussions will be based on the Modification Panel agenda (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/180816>).

This pre-Panel briefing is intended to provide, in particular, an opportunity for smaller parties, including customer representatives as well as smaller Shippers and Suppliers, an opportunity to feed views into the modification process at critical stages. We therefore expect to focus on new Modifications and those on which the Panel will debate whether or not implementation is supported. Similar teleconferences are held prior to each monthly Modification Panel meeting (third Thursday of the month). Any views on which information would be most helpful to you, or on the time and format of the teleconference, would be welcome.

Modifications that are on this month's Panel agenda are:

New Modifications

Modification 0593 – Provision of access to data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries

Proposed by Northern Gas Networks

This modification seeks to create provisions in the UNC to permit the release of data to Price Comparison Websites (PCWs) and Third Party Intermediaries (TPIs) to satisfy the CMA Energy Market Investigation requirements. The release of data would be subject to contractual agreement with Transporters that would include validations and be pursuant to data protection principles.

It is believed that by providing data directly to such non-Code parties the service provided will improve, leading to more switching with consequential benefits to the competitive marketplace.

The Proposer is seeking self-governance status for this modification on the basis that it seeks only to permit the release of data, which has no direct material impact on competition.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0593>

Implementation Recommendations

None this month

Self-Governance Implementation

Modification 0582S – Amendments to reflect separation in legal ownership of NTS and National Grid owned LDZs to facilitate the sale of National Grid's Gas Distribution Business

This modification proposes to modify the UNC to reflect the separation in ownership of the NTS and the 4 LDZs currently comprising National Grid Gas Distribution prior to completion of the sale process.

The consultation closes on Thursday 11 August; a summary of respondents' views will be provided on the call. Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether the modification should be implemented.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0582>

Modification 0583S – Requiring an Opening Meter Reading at same User Confirmation

This Modification would require Users to provide an Opening Meter Reading in the event of a re-confirmation – i.e. the Proposing User is the Existing Registered User. Where such a reading has not been provided Transporters would create an estimated Opening Meter Reading.

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<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0583>

Modification 0591S – DSR – Removal of 7 day rolling profile functionality

Ofgem has recently approved a revised gas Demand Side Response methodology and the changes now need to be reflected in the UNC. This modification seeks to remove the non-core elements of the methodology; essentially the removal of the ability to post a 7-day profile of daily offers.

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<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0591>

I hope this summary is helpful.

Regards,

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