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<h1>UNC 0XXX:</h1> <h2>Amendments to Cost Recovery and Invoicing under OAD</h2>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #00a651; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">01 Modification</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">02 Workgroup Report</div> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; background-color: #f2e6ff; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">03 Draft Modification Report</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; background-color: #fff9e6; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">04 Final Modification Report</div> </div>
<p>Purpose of Modification:</p> <p>This Modification seeks to update the Offtake Arrangements Document (OAD) in order to bring it in line with industry changes made since 2005. The Request 0646R Workgroup has since identified that the Cost Recovery and Invoicing process should be amended within OAD.</p>	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject to Self-Governance assessed by a Workgroup <p>This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on XX Xxxx XXXX. The Panel will consider the Proposer’s recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>	
<p>Impacted Parties:</p> <p>High: National Grid Transmission and all GDNs.</p> <p>Low: None</p> <p>None: None</p>	
<p>Impacted Codes:</p> <p>n/a</p>	

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Modification timetable:		
Pre-Modification Discussed	27 October 2021	
Date Modification Raised	dd month year	
New Modification to be considered by Panel	dd month year	
First Workgroup Meeting	dd month year	
Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel	dd month year	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	dd month year	
Consultation Close-out for representations	dd month year	
Final Modification Report available for Panel	dd month year	
Modification Panel decision	dd month year	
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1 Summary

What

Since the implementation of the OAD in 2005, a number of issues have been identified that need to be addressed. Whilst OAD deals with the matter of retrospective cost recovery, all operators agree that cost recovery could be agreed in advance of actual works taking place, thereby allowing all parties to plan accordingly. This proposal seeks to address this gap in OAD.

Why

The process arrangements currently within OAD under Section L2.3 are focussed towards retrospective cost recovery. This can occur at any time and is also not time bound. This presents a number of issues for all operators. If cost recovery is identified after the event there is no guarantee that an operator's respective project will be still open, and if there has been a significant lapse of time for the request to be submitted e.g. in a subsequent financial year, this is also likely to cause issues in funding as this may not be readily available.

How

The relevant sections of OAD are proposed to be modified, with new additions included as necessary, so that the resultant legal text satisfies the objectives of the Proposal.

The sections of OAD to be modified include:

- Section L: Cost Recovery and Invoicing and
- Section B: Connection Facilities.

The remainder of OAD will be reviewed to ensure there is no further impact.

2 Governance

Justification for [Fast Track] Self-Governance, Authority Direction or Urgency

The Modification should be subject to Self-governance procedures on the basis that the necessary changes would have no material impact on the commercial activities of Shipper Users, Gas Transporters or Gas Consumers. This is because the proposed changes are to address process gaps that have come about as a result of new industry and common commercial practice.

Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be assessed by a Workgroup.

3 Why Change?

Since the implementation of the OAD in 2005, a number of issues have been identified which need to be addressed and resolved. It has been identified that specific sections of OAD are unclear and ambiguous and require clarity to ensure all parties are able to interpret them in a consistent manner. Addressing these issues should lead to greater efficiency. The 0646R Workgroup has agreed that a number of changes to OAD should be made which cover:

- The Cost Recovery and Invoicing process.

OAD currently has provisions that allow for the retrospective recovery of costs but, has no such provisions for the forward planning of such matters.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

Offtake Arrangements Document (found here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/OAD>)

Knowledge/Skills

An understanding of operational works, commercial practice, etc would be advantageous.

5 Solution

Business Rules

- **BR1:** Wherever possible, cost recovery should be agreed in advance of the respective work/activity taking place.
- **BR2:** As the majority of cost recovery clauses are associated with Section B (Connection Facilities) and Section G (Maintenance) requirements, the impacted operator must advise the notifying operator of the intent to recover costs either:
 - via a formal and timely response to a received OAD notice. The impacted operator must reply to the OAD notice in writing advising them of the intent to recover cost; or
 - via the process of sharing of Maintenance Plans (OAD Section G). For non-routine or key maintenance items this must be in a timely response following the issue of the final plan on the 31st March each year. For routine maintenance items please refer to the respective cost recovery bullet below.
- **BR3:** Once the intent for cost recovery has been communicated, the impacted party will issue a formal quotation in line with the OAD cost recovery requirements contained within Section L. This will be reviewed by the parties. Once the final value has been agreed the notifying party will confirm formally via the issue of a Purchase Order (PO) reference. If a purchase order cannot be confirmed prior to the work commencing, the issuing party should at a minimum confirm in writing to the impacted party, acceptance of the agreed quoted costs. If the impacted party does not have a confirmed purchase order or written confirmation to the acceptance of the quoted costs, the impacted party reserves the right not to attend site.

The clause concerning “omissions” (L2.3.1) needs to be revised and restricted in scope. As OAD notices should be issued 12 months in advance, at that point in time it may not be possible to know all the impacts that will occur upon the other operator(s). Some impacts may only come to light on the day that the physical changes are being implemented.

- **BR4:** Where an impact occurs that was not articulated or disclosed as part of the OAD notice or maintenance processes, that subsequently requires the impacted party to attend site to make safe or good only, this effort is to be treated as cost recovery. The impacted party is to advise the other party

of such an omission in writing, within 60 days of the stated event, and the cost recovery process is to be subsequently followed. This amended clause will act as a backup for anything missed within the OAD notification processes.

- **BR5:** Any cost recovery requirements detailed in OAD Section D (Measurements) and Section F (Determination of Calorific Value) are not associated with modification or maintenance at OAD sites. For these cost recovery items, there should be some advance communication of the intent to follow through with the respective requirements and where a charge is required, this should be also agreed in advance where possible and in all cases to follow the cost recovery process and principles.
- **BR6:** Only in specific circumstances will cost recovery be on a retrospective basis where the costs may not be able to be agreed in advance. This would cover:
 - any recovery around emergency requirements where applicable (refer to BR8 and 9);
 - routine maintenance items notified via a Shared Maintenance plan whereby the impact was not clearly known/identified at the time of issue (refer to BR4); and
 - any maintenance items not notified via the Shared Maintenance plan that should have been (refer to BR4).
- **BR7:** Where the level of cost recovery has been agreed and the issue of a respective purchase order has been provided, if for any reason the cost recovery value needs to be increased, then the impacted party must provide the revised cost information (preferably via the issue of a revised quotation for transparency and audit trail purposes) along with the appropriate justification for the increase to the other party. The purchase order is to be revised prior to invoicing.

It is anticipated that only Clause 2.3 will be impacted within Section L by the proposed changes above. In addition, a small amendment is also required to Section B2.4.3 covering the reinstatement of connection facilities following emergency action:

- **BR8:** Damage to another party's assets caused during an emergency should be made safe, followed by the asset Owner being informed of the connection facilities that have been damaged.
- **BR9:** The asset Owner will then carry out an assessment as to whether the damaged assets require a subsequent repair or need to be replaced so that their operation is restored to the same level as before the emergency action. The asset Owner will then take the appropriate action and the associated costs will be recoverable in line with the revised cost recovery proposals outlined above in BR3.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this Modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

There is no impact on any Significant Code Review.

Consumer Impacts

There is no impact on consumers on the basis that the Modification is solely associated with Transporter to Transporter issues.

What is the current consumer experience and what would the new consumer experience be?

As this modification proposal seeks to address Transporter to Transporter matters, the end consumer experience should not be impacted.

Impact of the change on Consumer Benefit Areas:	
Area	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability n/a	None
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case n/a	None
Reduced environmental damage n/a	None
Improved quality of service n/a	None
Benefits for society as a whole n/a	None

Cross-Code Impacts

No other industry codes are affected.

EU Code Impacts

There is no impact on any EU Code.

Central Systems Impacts

There is no impact on any central systems.

7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the Modification on the Transporters’ Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None

c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

AND/OR, for Section Y (Charging Methodology) Modifications

Impact of the Modification on the Transporters' Relevant Charging Methodology Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Save in so far as paragraphs (aa) or (d) apply, that compliance with the charging methodology results in charges which reflect the costs incurred by the licensee in its transportation business;	None
aa) That, in so far as prices in respect of transportation arrangements are established by auction, either: (i) no reserve price is applied, or (ii) that reserve price is set at a level - (I) best calculated to promote efficiency and avoid undue preference in the supply of transportation services; and (II) best calculated to promote competition between gas suppliers and between gas shippers;	None
b) That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraph (a), the charging methodology properly takes account of developments in the transportation business;	None
c) That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), compliance with the charging methodology facilitates effective competition between gas shippers and between gas suppliers; and	None
d) That the charging methodology reflects any alternative arrangements put in place in accordance with a determination made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 2A(a) of Standard Special Condition A27 (Disposal of Assets).	None
e) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

This section of the Modification facilitates GT Licence relevant objective *f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code* as it provides clarity on OAD matters impacting the Gas

Transporters, thus enabling effective communication between parties, and a more efficient use of assets contained within their Systems.

8 Implementation

As Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement, subject to no Appeal being raised.

9 Legal Text

Text Commentary

To follow

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10 Recommendations

Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to:

- Refer this proposal to a Workgroup for assessment.