

Distribution Workstream Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005

**Minutes of  
Extraordinary Meeting of Distribution Workstream  
Modification Proposal 005(726)  
2nd June 2005  
10 Old Bailey, London**

**Attendees**

Tim Davis	TD	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Dennis Rachwal	DR	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Bob Fletcher	BF	NGT
Brian Durber	BD	E.On
Gareth Evans	GE	Total
John Pereira	JP	NGT
Katherine Marshall	KM	SSE
Mick Curtis	MC	E=MC2
Peter Owens	PC	BGT
Phil Lucas	PL	NGT
Robert Cameron-Higgs	RCH	Northern Gas Networks
Rosie McGlynn	RM	E.On
Steve McCaffrey	SMc	NGT
Steve Mulinganie	SM	BP Gas

**1. Purpose of meeting**

To develop UNC Modification Proposal 005 (previously MP 0726) 'Provision of a Guarantee of Pressure for Meter Points operating above 21 mbar by the Relevant Transporter'.

**2. Presentation and discussion of issues with the proposal**

MC on behalf of BP presented flow charts that looked at 3 scenarios – “Grandfather rights” (established on-going sites), Existing sites undergoing change, and Greenfield sites. BF noted detailed differences from established processes, some of which were not directly related to the Mod.

Issues debated included:-

- a) Whether an agreement on enhanced pressure should be between gas transporter and end user or whether the counter party should be the shipper or supplier
- b) How the meter asset manager should be involved – who gives them what information and how do they input to agreement on enhanced pressure

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- c) Whether “Grandfather rights” to pressure are already paid for or whether end users enjoy avoided compression costs until such time as system development impinges on their customary pressure
- d) Whether or not charges to guarantee “Grandfather pressures” imply that the gas transporter was not previously operating the network efficiently.
- e) Whether gas transporter involvement in setting governor pressures constitutes a signal that they have implicitly committed to providing enhanced pressure
- f) Whether connection to a particular pressure tier constitutes an implicit agreement to pressure
- g) How siteworks process and GT2 process might link in with provision of guaranteed pressure
- h) Whether enhanced pressure agreements can be made for low pressure tier connections (It was agreed that they should not be available for domestic).
- i) What detailed criteria should be applied in terms of an offer of enhanced pressure – minimum flow rate, complexity of site works etc
- j) How enhanced pressure rights might be managed dynamically – changes in load, site tenant/owner, site use etc. (EON undertook to provide information about established practice for enhanced connections in the electricity distribution industry.)

Generally there was no clear consensus or certainty on the above.

### **3. Revised Proposal and Development workgroup report.**

SM agreed to clarify his Modification Proposal and submit a revised proposal.

TD agreed to produce a first draft Workstream report with a view to finalising this during the next meeting (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June).

### **4. Next steps**

EON to provide information about established practice in the electricity distribution industry

Reconvene 10am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June with a view to reviewing any revision to the proposal and finalising the Workstream report.

Workstream report submitted to June Modification Panel for consideration