

**CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL NO. XXXX**  
“Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods”  
Draft v 0.1

**Date:** 26/09/2005

**Proposed Implementation Date:**

**Urgency:** Non-Urgent

**Proposer’s preferred route through modification procedures, and if applicable, justification for urgency**

Should proceed to consultation, via the relevant workstream.

**Nature & Purpose of Proposal (including consequence of non-implementation)**

Programmed Maintenance refers to maintenance of any part of a relevant system by the Transporter. Various notice periods are prescribed in code for different categories of system point.

This notice period applies regardless of extent of work to be undertaken, from within-day maintenance with reduced offtake to long periods of cessation often associated with On Line Inspection (OLI) programmes. It is also applied to notification of Planned Maintenance only, and no notice period is required for cancellation or delay of planned activity, despite the impact on the affected system point.

This modification proposal seeks to establish a more realistic notice period of 90 days for Connected System Exit Points (CSEPs) and Supply Points with Annual Quantities of over 732,000 therms, where the notice requires a shutdown (i.e. complete cessation of offtake) of 3 days or more. Also, it proposes 30 days notice of cancellation or delay of such works, and 14 days notice for cancellation of any Planned Maintenance.

Non-implementation would mean that consumers could continue to be significantly affected and given no notice of cancellation or delay of planned work with less co-ordination between shippers, affected sites and Transco NTS regarding maintenance.

**Basis Upon Which the Proposer considers that it will better facilitate the achievement of the Relevant objectives, specified in Standard Special Condition A11.1 & 2 of the Gas Transporter’s Licence**

Increasing notice periods for long cessations and allowing a cancellation notice period will promote competition across energy markets, avoid discrimination and enhance the efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system.

**Code concerned, sections and paragraphs**

Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document Section L

**Legal Text**

**Proposer's Representative**

**Proposer**