

MODIFICATION 0534S

Maintaining the efficacy of the NTS Optional commodity Tariff at Bacton entry Points

Legal Text Commentary

The introduction of the EU CAM Code has required that the current Bacton ASEP be split into two new ASEPs (Bacton UKCS ASEP and Bacton IP ASEP). This has a knock on effect on the existing NTS Optional Commodity arrangements within the UNC as Users are only able to nominate one entry point to one or more exit points (an exit point cannot be nominated to more than one entry point).

Modification 0534S proposes to amend the UNC to reflect that, for the purposes of the NTS Optional Commodity arrangements only, the two new Bacton ASEPs will be considered as one entry point (the Bacton Combined ASEP). The proposed legal text covers the requirement of Modification 0534S for the NTS Optional Commodity Rate be applied based on a Bacton Combined ASEP and invoiced on an enduring basis under the existing UNC timeframes and also interim measures to facilitate a manual solution (due to the lead times required to implement the necessary UK Link system functionality) to ensure that the correct charges are levied.

Uniform Network Code - Transition Document

PART IIC – Transitional Rules

The new paragraph 19 will cover the transitional (interim) NTS Optional commodity Tariff arrangements that will be in place for the Combined Bacton ASEP until such time as new system functionality can be developed and implemented. It details the process that will be undertaken to account for the inclusion of the two new Bacton ASEPs as one entry point.

19.1 sets out that the paragraph 19 process is an interim measure which will cease to apply once UK Link can correctly process Bacton Combined ASEP invoices.

19.2 outlines that where a User has nominated one of the two new Bacton ASEPs for the NTS Optional Commodity Tariff and the User has flows at both of the new Bacton ASEPs the new interim process will be applied.

19.3 outlines that the existing NTS Optional Commodity Rate invoices will be issued in the same way as they currently are i.e. based on the use of either the Bacton IP ASEP or the Bacton UKCS ASEP and that after these invoices are issued the NTS Optional Commodity charges will be manually recalculated based on the Bacton Combined ASEP. After the charges are recalculated and within the space of one calendar month an ad hoc invoice will be issued for any adjustment required for the NTS Entry Commodity charge and the NTS Exit (Flat) Commodity charge.

Uniform Network Code - Transportation Principal Document

TPD Section B - System Use and Capacity

B3.12.8 (c) has been amended to reflect that the nomination of either of the two new Bacton ASEPs for the NTS Optional Commodity Tariff will be treated as a nomination of the Bacton Combined ASEP and includes the Bacton Combined ASEP as a "Specified Entry Point".

B3.12.8 (d) defines what a “Bacton Combined ASEP” is.