

Mod 0281, Introduction of an Implementation Timeframe for Modification Proposals

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Proposed Changes

- ◆ Currently (UNC Mod Rules 6.2.1 (j));
 - ◆ [A Mod Proposal] *may state the Proposer's view of possible implementation timescales for the Modification Proposal*
- ◆ Proposal is that;
 - ◆ [A Mod Proposal] *may state the Proposer's view of possible implementation timescales for the Modification Proposal in the following format*
 - ◆ At least two proposed 'Fixed' implementation dates,
 - ◆ A proposed 'Flexible' backstop implementation lead time,
 - ◆ Requirement to provide justification in support of the above dates, and
 - ◆ Ability to continue to leave the date "blank" if an implementation date is not critical and/or it is not practical to do so

Example

- ◆ Suggested 'Fixed' Implementation dates of;
 - ◆ Decide by Date of 25/05/2010 for proposed fixed implementation of 25/06/2010
 - ◆ Decide by Date of 5/10/2010 for proposed fixed implementation of 5/11/2010
- ◆ A proposed 'Flexible' backstop implementation lead time of;
 - ◆ Six (6) calendar months after an Authority Decision being published
- ◆ Together with justification of the dates, e.g.;
 - ◆ ROM suggests that implementation of the Modification may be implemented during one of the next two UK Link* release dates for £100k so long as a lead time of at least 1 month is allowed for
 - ◆ Alternatively if implementation during a UK Link release is not possible (i.e. the timing of the Authority decision does not provide the necessary lead time to implement with a UK Link release) then implementation can take place approximately 6 calendar months after the Authority decision is published for £150k

Benefits

- ◆ Greater visibility of time related benefits and constraints of a mod
- ◆ Compliments User Pays process
 - ◆ implementation dates being considered after the Authority decision may not suit User Pays proposals where there may be benefits from a specific/early implementation date
- ◆ Better alignment of the way implementation dates are considered between electricity & gas codes
- ◆ Supports recommendations within Ofgem Code Governance Final Proposals and principles of the Code Administrator Code of Practice;
 - ◆ Allow the development of implementation dates (or options) during workgroup assessment to ensure the related benefits are captured in the proposal
 - ◆ Allow industry participants to comment on such implementation dates via the Consultation Phase
 - ◆ Ensure implementation occurs as timely as possible to capture maximum benefits
 - ◆ Eliminate risk of “Timing Out” of Authority decisions