

**UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**  
**17 AUGUST 2005**

**Members Present:**

**Transporter Representatives:** A Raper (NG/UKD ), P Roberts (NG/UKT), R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks) & L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities).

**User Representatives:** B Vest (Gaz de France), M Young (BGT), S Islam (Total Gas & Power Ltd) & R Cross (Statoil).

**Ofgem Representative:**

**Consumers Representatives:**

**Joint Office:** T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary)

**10.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting.**

P Roberts for R Hewitt (NG/UKT), R Cross for S Parmar (Statoil), B Vest for P Broom (Gaz de France) & S Islam for S Ladle (Total Gas & Power Ltd),

**10.2 Record of apologies for absence.**

R Hewitt (NG/UKT), S Parmar (Statoil ), S Ladle (Total Gas & Power Ltd), C Sykes (EON UK plc) & P Broom (Gaz de France)

**10.3 Consideration of Final Modification Reports.**

10.3(a) Proposal 043" Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity"

The Panel considered the report was in the correct form and discussed whether or not to recommend implementation of the Proposal. Views were polarised with the proposer considering that the Proposal furthered the GT Licence 'code relevant objective' of economic and efficient operation of the NTS pipeline system by avoiding the potential increase in buy-back costs incurred by both Transco NTS and Users above that which would be considered to be economic and efficient as permitted by the Authority.

Other Panel Members considered implementation could be detrimental to security of supply and to competition between relevant shippers, and hence would not be expected to better facilitate the achievement of the relevant objectives. They also expressed concerns over the transparency and auditability of how and when the proposed mechanism would be invoked as there was nothing in the Legal Drafting detailing this process.

A number of Panel members expressed concern regarding the use of the urgent process, with only a 2 day consultation period particularly in relation to such a significant issue. They considered there was still uncertainty regarding a number of aspects of the proposal, timing and materiality.

The Panel held a vote and out of the nine Voting Members present, one voted in favour of implementation of the Modification Proposal, P Roberts (NG/UKT). Therefore the Panel did not recommend implementation of the Proposal.

#### **10.4 Any Other Business.**

#### **10.5 Conclude Modification Meeting.**

The noted the date and time of the next full Modification Panel meeting as 10.00hrs on Thursday 18 August 2005.