

CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0010(0735)
"Amendment to the minimum notice required for UK Link changes"
Version 2.0

Date: 09/12/2004

Proposed Implementation Date: 01/04/2005

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Proposer's preferred route through modification procedures and if applicable, justification for Urgency

(see the criteria at http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/2752_Urgency_Criteria.pdf)

This modification proposes to amend the normal minimum implementation period for any change appearing on the UK Link implementation plan. This would bring the Network Code into alignment with the Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) and also to the practices adopted in Electricity, both of which also have 3 scheduled releases (February, June and November). This modification would therefore help all parties when planning implementation activity. The current minimum three months' notice does not take account of most parties' own internal existing IT rolling programmes which normally make it unrealistic to implement changes at such short notice, bearing in mind that in that time they have to do analysis, development, testing and training.

Nature and Purpose of Proposal (including consequence of non implementation)

Implementation of this modification would help all parties schedule UK Link changes in an efficient, economic and orderly manner. Where a related change is also required in SPAA and or electricity, adopting the same approach to implementation dates will also be beneficial in achieving alignment of implementation.

The UK Link Committee will have the discretion to be able to reduce the minimum implementation period in respect of any individual change. This modification would obviate the need for Transco to pay £500 to each UK Link User for failure to give the minimum notice for any UK Link change, as it will be the UK Link Committee that will determine the implementation date.

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 Transporters Licence

UK Link changes might be implemented in a less controlled manner and with the introduction of SPAA the risk of related changes not being implemented together increases. This will lead to inefficiencies which could be detrimental to competition. It could also result in a potential degradation of service provision which in turn would erode efficiency and effectiveness.

**Any further information (Optional), likely impact on systems, processes or procedures,
Proposer's view on implementation timescales and suggested text**

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

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