

'Domestic' Load and Firm Load Shedding

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Issue

- ◆ Exercise Minsk (2006).
- ◆ Identified that a number of Large Firm Supply Points (>732,000kWh) comprised 'domestic' load.
- ◆ Examples: district heating schemes – central boiler.
- ◆ Such Supply Points are currently subject to third stage of Firm Load Shedding (Q3.5.1(c)).
- ◆ Suggestion that 'domestic' load should not be subject to this stage of Firm Load Shedding.

UNC Q3.5.1

3.5 Firm Load Shedding

3.5.1 Where Emergency Steps include the reduction or discontinuance of offtake of gas at Firm as well as Interruptible Supply Points (in a Local Gas Supply Emergency or at Stage 3 or above of a Network Gas Supply Emergency), such steps will (insofar as is practicable and as may be required by Standard Special Condition A8(15) of the Transporter's Licence) be applied in the following order:

- (a) first, at Interruptible Supply Points (insofar as offtake has not already been interrupted at such points);
- (b) secondly, at Supply Points, other than Priority Supply Points, which include VLDMC Supply Point Components;
- (c) thirdly, at other Large Firm Supply Points other than Priority Supply Points;**
- (d) lastly, at Firm Supply Points (including for the avoidance of doubt Supply Points whose Annual Quantities do not exceed 73,200 kWh (2,500 therms)) and at Priority Supply Points.

Considerations

- ◆ UNC definition based purely on Supply Point AQ - >732,000kWh.
- ◆ Only exemption is if the Supply Point is a Priority Supply Point.
 - ◆ A – Large SP Firm, lives at risk (eg: hospital)
 - ◆ B – Large SP Interruptible, lives at risk
 - ◆ C – shut down would cause =>£50 million damage.

Options

- ◆ Pursue UNC Modification to exempt 'domestic' load from third stage 3, or
- ◆ Pursue amendment of Priority Supply Point Categories (lobby DTI) to include Large Supply Points that comprise predominantly 'domestic' load.

Views?
