

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0395 - Limitation on Retrospective Invoicing and Invoice Correction

Date referred from Panel:

18 August 2011

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to Modification 0395 at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0395

Solution

It is proposed that on 01 April in any year (y), the backstop date for retrospective billing is set to y-2 years. At this point, the retrospective billing period will be 2 years 0 days – the minimum period allowed by this proposal.

That backstop date of 01 April y-2, will remain fixed until 01 April the following year. This means that as year y progresses, the period of permitted retrospection increases, reaching 2 years 364 days by close of business on 31 March y+1.

Come the following 01 April, the backstop date will be advanced by 1 year, resetting the retrospective billing period to 2 years 0 days.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text
- Identification and review of all impacted processes
- Consideration/assessment of the impacts that the proposed soft landing may have on certain sectors of the market
- Consideration/assessment of whether a soft landing was appropriate for all market sectors
- Consideration/assessment of whether the 2 year close out period was appropriate
- Consideration/assessment of the three/four year option.

Outputs

Produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendations of the Workgroup.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice