

## Workgroup Terms of Reference

### **0410/0410A: Responsibility for gas off-taken at Unregistered Sites following New Network Connections**

**Date referred from Panel:** 0410 - 15 December 2011  
0410A - 21 June 2012

#### **Background – Why Change?**

Please refer to [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0410](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0410)

#### **0410 Solution**

It is proposed that Transporters should be responsible for, investigate and resolve Unregistered Sites following a new network connection where the Transporter has created the Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN) for any party other than a Shipper. If such an Unregistered Site has not either been assigned to a Shipper or disconnected following investigation by the Transporter, then the Transporter will be liable for the costs of the gas that the site has abstracted from the network. This modification also proposes to require that where Transporters become aware of a contracted Supplier to an unregistered site, that they will make reasonable efforts to inform that contracted Supplier so that they may arrange for a Shipper to register the site.

As the related siteworks contracts are outside of the remit of the UNC, this solution will leave it to the discretion of the Transporters, individually or collectively, to decide on the best control measures to put in place to prevent the flow of gas prior to Shipper confirmation. It is envisaged that these could be similar to controls that exist in the electricity industry or bespoke Gas industry processes.

It is also proposed that where Transporters undertake a site investigation, as part of this process they will attempt to verify the proposed AQ of the Unregistered site and where found to be inaccurate the Transporter will take appropriate steps to record correctly on their systems.

Where a Shipper requests the creation of an MPRN from the Transporter, that Shipper then has the ability to limit loss and recover costs, and therefore that Shipper should be responsible and accountable for the consequences of any gas off-taken prior to shipper confirmation at a new connection to the network.

This modification does not propose to resolve current outstanding backlog of Unregistered Sites, only those that relate to new connections after the implementation of the modification.

## 0410A Solution

It is proposed to introduce provisions to the UNC, which require Users to ensure their Suppliers have valid supply contracts in place before commissioning the installation of a Supply Meter at a New Supply Meter Point. This will be accompanied by measures to secure that a New Supply Meter Point is either registered to a User or disconnected. Obligations on Transporters to investigate unregistered sites also feature.

### Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
  - How any financial impact is managed
  - Is the MPRN the most appropriate trigger point or should there be an alternative such as the meter installation date
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
  - Understand the potential impacts on associated codes of practice or regimes e.g. MAMCoP and SPAA
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text

### 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.