
Report for Modification Panel

September 2005

Transmission Workstream

Meetings Held

1 September 2005

Planned

6 October 2005

Matters for Panel's Attention

The Workstream recommended that a Proposal substantially in the form of the draft proposal 'Optional limits for inert gases at System Entry Points', expected to be submitted to the September Panel, was sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation.

Modifications Activity

Draft Modification Reports Submitted:

- 046 'Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points'
Issued 19/08/05, Reps close-out 12/09/05

The Proposer was given the opportunity of commenting on this Proposal and answering questions at the Workstream.

Urgent Modification Reports Submitted:

- 042 'Revision of the Emergency Cash-out price'
Submitted to Ofgem 02/09/05

On 01/09/05 the Panel recommended implementation of this Proposal

- 043 'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity'
Submitted to Ofgem 17/08/05

On 17/08/05 the Panel did not make a recommendation in respect of this Proposal. Following publication of letter '193/04 – Ofgem Initial Views Letter on Uniform Network Code modification proposal 0043', the Workstream discussed the framework of the Ofgem consultation.

- 044 'Revised Emergency Cash-out & Curtailment Arrangements'
Submitted to Ofgem 02/09/05

On 01/09/05 the Panel did not make a recommendation in respect of this Proposal.

Final Modification Reports Submitted:

- 022 'Revision to Section O – Removal of references to Base Plan Assumptions Document'
Submitted to Ofgem 18/08/05

On 16/08/05 the Panel recommended implementation of this Proposal.

Modification Decision Deferred

- 036 'Limitation of incremental capacity offered in QSEC auctions'
Submitted to Ofgem 08/08/05

On 08/08/05 the Panel did not make a recommendation in respect of this Proposal. Following publication of letter '192/05 – Ofgem Initial Views Letter on Uniform Network Code modification proposal 0036', the Workstream discussed the framework of the Ofgem consultation.

Modification Proposal Rejected:

011 'Reintroduction of Constrained Top-up'
Rejected 30/08/05

Topics Activity

The following New Topic was created:

010TR Gas Quality at Entry Points

Transco NTS presented a draft Modification Proposal 'Optional limits for inert gases at System Entry Points' and it was agreed that a Modification Proposal substantially of this form would be sufficiently developed for it to go direct to consultation.

The following were reviewed:

003TR Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements

The Proposer was given the opportunity of commenting on Modification Proposal 046 'Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points' and answering questions.

005TR Constrained Top-up

The Proposer of Modification Proposal 011 'Reintroduction of Constrained Top-up' notified the Workstream that it was considering its next steps on this Topic following rejection of the Proposal.

008TR Entry Capacity

Following the issue of the Ofgem initial views letter, aspects of the resulting Ofgem consultation were discussed and the views of the Proposer were noted.

- 036 'Limitation of incremental capacity offered in QSEC auctions'
- 043 'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity'

009TR Provision of Market Information

Transco NTS agreed to provide a report for the October Workstream on costs of implementing 3rd Party Modification Proposal 'Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals'. The Proposer identified that it intended to carry out its own consultation specifically on whether implementation would add anything to the DTI offshore information scheme and invited Workstream members to respond.

The following was closed

006TR Nomination Timetable

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UNC Mod Ref	Old Mod Ref	Mod Title	Received	Organisation	Status	Next Process(es)
046	-	Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points	10-Aug-05	Transco NTS	Draft Mod Report out for reps 19-Aug-05	Reps close out 12-Sep-05
044	-	Revised Emergency Cash-out & Curtailment Arrangements'	9-Aug-05	Transco NTS	1-Sep-05. Panel not recommend implementation	OFGEM Decision
043	-	Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity'	9-Aug-05	Transco NTS	Panel considered and no recommendation 17-Aug-05	OFGEM Decision
042	-	Revision of the Emergency Cash-out price	3-Aug-05	EON UK	1-Sep-05 Panel recommend implementation	OFGEM Decision
038	-	Provision of Information to Support Development of the NTS Investment Programme	14-Jul-05	Transco NTS	1-Sep-05 Panel recommend implementation	OFGEM Decision
036	-	Limitation of incremental capacity offered in QSEC auctions	13-Jul-05	Transco NTS	8-Aug-05 Panel not recommend implementation	OFGEM Decision
035	-	Revisions to Section Q to Facilitate the Revised NEC Safety Case	13-Jul-05	Transco NTS	Draft Mod Report out for reps 23-Aug-05	Reps close out 14-Sep-05
022	-	Revision to Section O – Removal of references to Base Plan Assumptions Document	8-Jun-05	Transco NTS	Panel recommend implementation 18-Aug-05	OFGEM Decision
011	0736	Reintroduction of Constrained Top-up	10-Dec-04	Transco	Ofgem rejected 30-Aug-05	None
006	0727	3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals	03-Nov-04	energywatch	OFGEM postponed decision. See also Topic 009TR	OFGEM further consultation Jan/Feb 06

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Topic No	Date Created	Topic Originator	Topic Title	Associated Modification Proposal(s)	Priority for Discussion (H/M/L)	Status	Next Step(s)
Active							
003TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements	038	H	a) 1-Sept-05 Panel recommend implementation of Mod 038 b) 19-Aug-05 Draft Mod Report 046 out for consultation. 1-Sept-05 Workstream presentation – seek clarity over financial commitment of ARCA [and efficiency of process]	a) OFGEM decision b) Mod 046 reps close out 12-Sept-05
004TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Emergency Arrangements	042 044 035	H	a) 1-Sep-05 Panel recommend implementation Mod 042 and not recommend implementation of Mod 044. b) Draft Mod Report out for reps 23-Aug-05 1-Sept-05 Workstream query raised on when Storage Monitors will be published.	a) OFGEM decisions b) Reps close out 14-Sept-05
008TR	02/06/05	Total	Entry Capacity	036 043	H	25-Aug-05 Ofgem “minded to implement” letters published and invite reps to Ofgem. 1-Sept-05 Workstream discussion	Reps to OFGEM close out 7-Sept-05 Transco NTS note on investment leadtimes. OFGEM decisions on Mods 036 and 043.

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009TR	04/08/05	Transco NTS	Provision of Market Information	006 (0727)	M	25-Jul-05 OFGEM decision on Mod 006 deferred to April 06 1-Sept-05 Workstream discussion – monitor other info provision, Transco NTS transparency on costs, energywatch and Ofgem seeking views, appropriateness of legal text.	Transco NTS report on costs. energywatch consultation OFGEM consultation
010TR	06/09/05	Transco NTS	Gas Quality at Entry Points		M	1-Sept-05 Transco NTS presentation and draft Mod Proposal	Transco NTS refine and raise Mod Proposal
On Hold							
005TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Constrained Top-up	011 (0736)	L	OFGEM rejected 31-Aug-05	Transco NTS response to rejection
007TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Section O: System Planning	022	L	FMR 022 Panel recommendation 18-Aug-05	None pending OFGEM decision
Closed							
006TR	05/05/05	EON UK	Nomination Timetable		L	Closed. No-one at this time wishes to pursue exploration of a more flexible before and within day nomination timetable due to other priorities.	None