

Variation Request

Modification 0322 “Code Governance Review: Inclusion of the NTS Transportation and Connection Charging Methodologies within the UNC”

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The Proposer, National Grid Transmission, requests a variation to this Proposal, pursuant to UNC Modification Rules Section 6.5.1(c) of the UNC.

Reason for Variation

Following discussion at the Governance Workstream meeting on 4th October 2010, National Grid Transmission feels that 0322 would benefit from some additional non-material changes to aid clarification.

Nature of Variation

Title of Proposal

Amendment of Modification Proposal title to “Code Governance Review: Inclusion of ‘The Gas Transmission Transportation Charging Methodology’ and ‘The Gas Transmission Connection Charging Methodology within the UNC’”. The suggested text in section 17 has also been amended to reflect the revised titles of the 2 methodologies to be included in the UNC.

Removal of footnote number 3

This has been superseded by the explanatory note that has been added at the start of Annex A and B to the Proposal (see below).

Charging Methodology Forum

- Provision has been added to remove the requirement for the arrangement of a meeting of the Forum in the event that there are no matters for discussion.
- The title of the Gas Transmission Charging Methodology Forum has been changed to NTS Charging Methodology Forum.

Preparation of Proposals by Materially Affected Parties

To better reflect the requirements of Standard Special Licence Condition A11 9ac(iii), it is proposed that the Transporter would also be required to provide assistance (as well as information) where reasonably practicable.

Scope of Application of Relevant UNC Modification Rules

The prefix of ‘UNC’ has been removed from references to ‘UNC Charging Methodology’ within the six ‘generic elements’ (to both proposals 0322 and 0325) of the proposed changes to the UNC Modification Rules. Accordingly regardless of whether these methodologies are contained within the UNC or an Individual Network Code, in both instances the UNC Modification Rules would need to be followed (as per section 1.1 of the UNC Modification Rules).

Conflict with Certain Licence Provisions

To define how it is proposed the governance process will provide an informed view for the Authority in respect of potential conflict with certain Licence provisions, specific requirements have been added for the proposer, the Modification Panel and the Modification Report to consider the impacts of the Proposal on such compliance. This has necessitated the increase of the number of 'generic elements' from 5 to 6.

Implementation date

Date in section 15 should be 31st December, not 1st November.

Annex A and B

An explanatory note clarifies that the Methodologies (provided as 2 separate documents) will be inserted in the Suggested Text but are subject to change prior to the 'final' text being submitted (in the event that the Authority requests such).

A change marked version of the proposal is available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0322

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