

Variation Request

Modification 0325 “Code Governance Review: DN Transportation Charging Methodology and Change Governance”

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The Proposer, National Grid Distribution, 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 Distribution feels that 0325 would benefit from some additional non-material changes to aid clarification.

Nature of Variation

Removal of footnote number 3

This has been superceded by the explanatory note that has been added at the start of Annex A to the Proposal (see below).

DN 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.

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 4 to 6.

Annex A

An explanatory note (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not form part of the Gas Distribution Transportation Charging Methodology) clarifies that the Methodology included for the purposes of the Suggested Text is 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/0325

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