

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO MODIFY THE CODE

Legal drafting of Code Modification Prioritisation procedure

Version 3.4

Reference: C061

Date: 22 May 2026

Proposal

It is requested that the Authority consider approving this Consent to Modify which has been developed to ensure that the legal text is amended to enable seamless insertion into the relevant UNC Sections. This is in recognition that code modification prioritisation procedure legal drafting, as instructed by the Authority in Annex L of the 'Establishing a harmonised prioritisation process in the Industry Codes' decision published 28 April 2026, is to become active in the Uniform Network Code (UNC) on 29 May 2026.

Nature of Modification

Modification of specific elements of the UNC legal drafting of code modification prioritisation procedure is required as defined below:

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE - MODIFICATION RULES

7 MODIFICATION PROCEDURES

7.2.2 The Modification Panel shall make determinations under paragraphs 7.2.3(a), (b) and (d) having:

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- (g) determined whether it could be reasonably expected that the Modification Proposal would, if implemented, have a material impact having regard to:
 - (i) any guidance set out in the Code Administration Code of Practice as to what amounts to a material impact for the purposes of determining whether it is necessary to refer Modification Proposals to the Authority for determination; and
 - (ii) any statements made by the Proposer pursuant to paragraph 6.2.1(c) as to whether and why the Modification Proposal should be a Self-Governance Modification Proposal,

or where it has received a referral pursuant to paragraph 9.6.3.

~~7.2.2A~~ 7.2.2(h) unless the Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal or to satisfy the Fast Track Self Governance Criteria, considered the Modification Proposal against the Prioritisation Criteria, giving due regard to the Proposer's assessment of the Modification Proposal against the Prioritisation Criteria, pursuant to paragraph 6.2.1 (t);

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7.2.3

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- (e) unless a Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal or to satisfy the Fast Track Self Governance Criteria, a Modification Proposal has a relevant Prioritisation Category, assessed pursuant to paragraph ~~7.2.2A-7.2.2(h)~~ as compared with other Modification Proposals' assessments pursuant to paragraph ~~7.2.2A-7.2.2(h)~~ 7.2.2(h)

7.2.12 Unless a Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal or to satisfy the Fast Track Self Governance Criteria, the Modification Panel shall determine the Modification Proposal to have a relevant Prioritisation Category, assessed pursuant to paragraph ~~7.2.2A-7.2.2(h)~~ as compared with other Modification Proposals' assessments pursuant to paragraph ~~7.2.2A-7.2.2(h)~~ 7.2.2(h) ~~;~~

The following notation confirms that, for the avoidance of doubt, the text highlighted in 9.3.8(b) is newly instructed text. It also confirms that the Prioritisation Category of Modification Proposals cannot be considered for Modification Proposals which are Urgent Modification Proposals or satisfy the Fast Track Self Governance criteria, as these Modifications are excluded from the prioritisation process.

9.3 Consultation - Final Modification Report

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9.3.8

- (b) the Modification Panel shall discuss the Modification Report at the next meeting of the Modification Panel, shall instruct the Code Administrator to amend the Modification Report (including in respect of the legal text, the timetable, analysis or supporting information) in accordance with the direction of the Authority and decide on what steps to take, in accordance with paragraph 7.2 and shall send the Authority a revised Modification Report as soon as reasonably practicable (taking into account the Prioritisation Criteria and whether complexity, importance and urgency of the Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal, or, where the Modification Proposal has been determined to is not be an Urgent Modification Proposal or does not satisfy the Fast Track Self Governance Criteria, its Prioritisation Category).

The following notation confirms that, for the avoidance of doubt, the quote marks and the bold face added to the entries in the instructed clause 12.15.1 are to denote newly instructed Defined Terms and are to be added instead to Section 2.1 Defined terms within the existing alphabetical list.

~~12.15—Prioritisation Process Definitions~~

2 INTERPRETATION

2.1 Defined terms

~~12.15.1 In addition to terms defined elsewhere in the UNC, the following terms and expressions have the following meanings in the Modification Rules document:~~

“Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation” means the guidance published by the Authority from time to time on code modification prioritisation.

“Prioritisation Category” has the meaning given to that term by the Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation.

- (a) ~~“Prioritisation Criteria” has the meaning given to that term by the Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation.~~
- (b) ~~“Prioritisation Category” has the meaning given to that term by the Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation.~~
- (c) ~~Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation means the guidance published by the Authority from time to time on code modification prioritisation.~~

Transporter Application

This application contains the Transporters' proposal to modify the Uniform Network Code for which they now seek the consent of the Authority

Signed for and on behalf of Transporters.

Signature:



Paul McKie
Chief Executive Encodar (Operator of the Joint Office of Gas Transporters)

Date: 22 May 2026

Gas and Electricity Markets Authority Response:

In accordance with Standard Special Condition A11 'Network Code and the Uniform Network Code' of the Gas Transporters Licence, I hereby consent to the above modification to the Code.

Signed for and on Behalf of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

Signature:

Kate Lloyd

Head of Code Governance Reform, Industry Rules

Date: **29 May 2026**