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Licence arrangements



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Overview

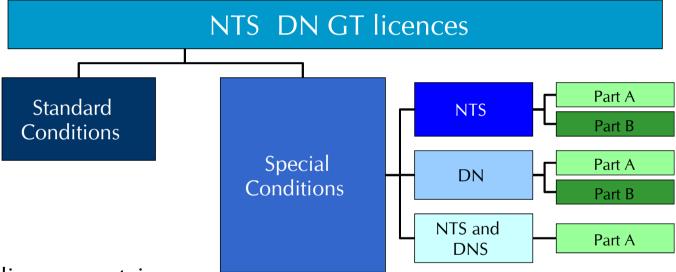
- Consultation document published on 2 September
- Document contains:
 - analysis of the appropriate regulatory structure for the GT licences;
 - analysis of which licence conditions are relevant to transmission, distribution or both;
 - assessment of impact of required changes on modifications process; and
 - consideration of the requirement for new licence conditions.



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Proposed licence structure



Proposed licence contains:

- Standard Conditions;
- Special Conditions applicable to transmission only;
- Special Conditions applicable to the distribution businesses only; and
- Special Conditions applicable to both NTS and DNs.



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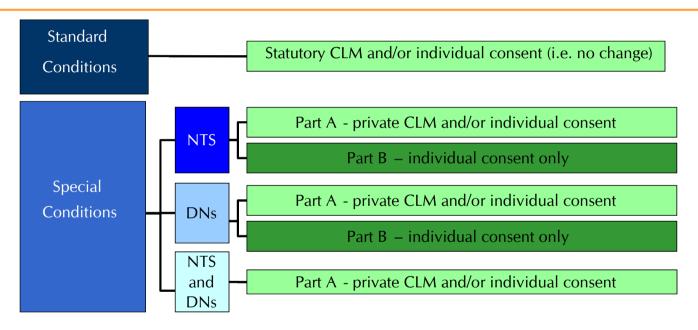


Licence modification procedures (1)

- Significant number of changes to Transco's GT licences likely to be required
- Changes mainly a consequence of integrated nature of Transco's current businesses
- Many current Standard Conditions likely to become Amended Standard Conditions
- As a result, statutory Collective Licence Modification (CLM) procedure would cease to apply to these
- Proposed "private CLM procedure" to apply to "Standard Special Conditions"



Licence modification procedures (2)



Proposed licence modification process has two parts:

- Part A (Standard Special Conditions). Subject to private CLM and/or individual consent
- Part B (Special Conditions). Only changed with individual consent.



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Some key issues (1)

- Distribution charging arrangements
 - Joint Office to be responsible for managing modifications
 - Single annual specified date for changes to charges
- Emergency services co-ordination
 - Condition required to remove cross-DN boundary uncertainties?
 - Condition required for DN-GTs obliging them to make monopoly emergency services available to IGTs?
 - Condition obliging DN-GTs to provide first response emergency services available to the NTS-GT at a reasonable rate?
- System operator managed services agreements
 - Ofgem's initial decision that SOMSAs should be unregulated?



Some key issues (2)

Network Code and offtake arrangements

Should a "Uniform Network Code (UNC) only", or a "UNC plus offtake code" approach be adopted?

Price controls and incentive arrangements

- Ofgem not to reopen control
- Ofgem announced that scheme duration to be of one year initially
- Ofgem intend to issue position paper in November on form and scope

Pipeline security standards

Should 1 in 20 obligation continue to apply to both NTS-GT and DN-GT licences?



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Proposed new licence conditions

- To support DN sales, Ofgem's initial view is that additional licence conditions may be required for the following:
 - private collective licence modification procedure;
 - implementation of gateway requirements;
 - requirement not to prejudice the systems of other GTs;
 - inter-operator service agreements;
 - governance of technical standards; and
 - arrangements for testing measuring equipment.



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Way forward

Next week: Examine each licence condition in

detail, if DISG wish to.

29 September: Closing date for this consultation

Early November: Issuing of notice under section 23 of

the Gas Act to formally modify each

of Transco's GT licences (with 28

days consultation)

Mid November: The Authority will meet to decide

whether (or not) to consent to

proposed disposal of DN assets



Treatment of standard conditions 1 - 16

		Designated	Standard		Switch off /
		Standard	Special	Special	remove
No.	Condition	Condition	Condition	Condition	condition
Section A - Interpretation, Application and Payments					
ASC 1	Definitions and interpretation	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	
SC 2	Application of Section C (Transportation Services Obligation)	✓			
SC 3	Payments by the licensee to the Authority	✓			
Section	B - General				
ASC4	Charging Gas Shippers - General		\checkmark		
ASC 4A	Obligations as Regards Charging Methodology		\checkmark		
SC 4B	Connection Charges etc.	✓			
SC 4C	Charging of Gas Shippers - supplemental connection charges				\checkmark
SC 4D	Conduct of Transportation Business		\checkmark		
ASC 4E	Requirement to enter into Transportation Arrangements in Conformity with Network Code		✓	✓	
SC 5	System Development Obligations	✓			
SC 5A	Information to be provided to the Designated Registrar of Pipes	✓			
ASC 6	Emergency Services and Enquiry Services Obligations		\checkmark		
SC 7	Provision of Information Relating to Gas Illegally Taken	✓			
ASC 8	Provision and Return of Meters		\checkmark		
ASC 9	Network Code		\checkmark		
SC 13	Change Coordination for the Utilities Act 2000				\checkmark
ASC 14	Supply Point Administration Agreement	✓			
SC 16	Pipe-Line System Security Standards	✓			



Treatment of standard conditions 17 - 31

		Designated Standard	Standard Special	Special	Switch off / remove
No.	Condition	Condition	Condition	Condition	
SC 17	Provision of Services for Persons who are of Pensionable Age of Disabled or Chronically Sick: Arrangements in Respect of Meters		√		
SC 18	Provision of Services for Persons who are Blind or Deaf		\checkmark		
SC 19	Arrangements in Respect of Powers of Entry		\checkmark		
SC 19A	Authorisation of Officers	\checkmark			
SC 19B	Exercise of Powers of Entry	\checkmark			
ASC 20	Standards of Performance	\checkmark			
SC 21	Complaint Handling Procedure		\checkmark		
SC 22	Preparation, Review of and Compliance with Statements and Codes		\checkmark		
SC 23	Record of and Report on Performance		\checkmark		
ASC 24	Provision of Information to the Authority	✓		\checkmark	
ASC 25	Long Term Development Statement		\checkmark		
SC 27	Adjustment of Amounts by Reference to the Retail Price Index	✓			
SC 28	Termination of Shipping Arrangements	✓			
ASC 29	Disposal of Assets		\checkmark		
ASC 30	Regulatory Accounts		\checkmark	\checkmark	
SC 30A	Change of Financial Year	✓			
ASC 31	Supply Point Administration Service		\checkmark		

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Treatment of standard conditions 32 - 48

No.	Condition	Designated Standard Condition	Standard Special Condition	Special Condition	Switch off / remove condition
Section	C - Transportation Services Obligations				
ASC 32	Interpretation of Section C		\checkmark	\checkmark	
SC 33	Designated Registrar of Pipes	✓			
SC 38	Availability of Data Formats		\checkmark		
ASC 39	Restriction on Use of Certain Information and Independence of Transportation Business		✓	\checkmark	
SC 40	Appointment of Compliance Officer		\checkmark		
SC 41	Prohibition of Cross Subsidies	✓			
ASC 45	Undertaking from Ultimate Controller	✓			
ASC 47	Indebtedness	✓			
ASC 48	Last Resort Supply: Payment Claims	\checkmark			



Treatment of special conditions 1 - 27

		Designated Standard	Standard	Chasial	Switch off /
No.	Condition	Condition	Special Condition	Special Condition	remove condition
SpC 1	Interpretation and Construction		✓	✓	
SpC 2	Restriction on Activity and Financial Ring-Fencing	Reinstate to	SC 43		
SpC 3	Availability of Resources		\checkmark		
SpC 4	Investment Grade Credit Rating as Issuer of Corporate Debt	Reinstate to	SC 46		
SpC 5	Cross-Default Obligations	Replace by S	SC 47		
SpC 9D	Restriction of Prices for LNG Storage Services		\checkmark	\checkmark	
SpC 17	Operational Guidelines for Balancing				\checkmark
SpC 18	Conveyance to Independent Systems	?			
SpC 19	Emergency Services to or on Behalf of Another Gas Transporter		\checkmark		
SpC 23	Provision of Meter and Meter Reading Services		\checkmark		
SpC 25A	Assignment of Licence		\checkmark		
SpC 26	Prohibited Procurement Activities		\checkmark	\checkmark	
SpC 27	Licensee's Procurement and Use of System Management Services		\checkmark	\checkmark	



Treatment of special conditions 28 - 39

		Designated	Standard		Switch off /
		Standard	Special	Special	remove
No.	Condition	Condition	Condition	Condition	condition
SpC 28/	Revenue Restriction Definitions			✓	
	Restriction of Revenue in Respect of the NTS Transportation Owner				
SpC 20E	Activity, Distribution Owner Activity and NTS System Operation			1	
SpC 28E	Activity			•	
SpC 29	Allocation of Revenues and Costs for Calculation Under Price Control			\checkmark	
SpC 30	Supplementary Provisions of the Revenue Restrictions			\checkmark	
			,		
SpC 31	Restriction of Prices in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities		✓		
SpC 32	Non-Discrimination in the Provision of Metering Activities		\checkmark		
C C	Information to be Provided to the Authority in Connection with the				
SpC 33	Transportation System Review Restriction Licensee's Methodology for determining incremental entry capacity			•	
SpC 34	volumes			\checkmark	
SpC 35	NTS Performance Reporting			\checkmark	
SpC 36	LDZ Incentive Scheme and Performance Reporting			\checkmark	
SpC 37	Exit Code Statement			\checkmark	
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SpC 38	Restriction on Use of Information deriving from the En/Mo Business				\checkmark
SpC 39	Charging of Gas Shippers - Domestic Infill Premises		\checkmark		