



Commission for Energy Regulation  
An Coimisiún um Rialáil Fuinnimh

## COMMISSION'S INSTRUCTION

EU Regulation 312/2014 of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 established a Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks. This regulation requires all EU Member States to implement specific measures in relation to information provision, nominations, operational balancing, daily imbalance charges, and neutrality arrangements and has an implementation date of 1 October 2015. The transporter has engaged in an extensive consultation process with the Irish Gas industry since the commencing the Code modification process in August 2014 and the introduction of the first draft of Business rules on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 2014 in relation to the Balancing code: A063 '*Nominations, Imbalance Charges & Allocations: EU Network Code Implementation.*' This consultation process has highlighted a number of concerns with regards to the introduction of significant change to current imbalance charges and operational balancing. At the Code Mod Forum meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> Jan the Transporter tabled a proposal to implement interim measures, which would allow further time to implement some sections of the Code (namely Imbalance Charges and Operational Balancing). The sections of the Code Mod A063 on Nominations, Information Provision and Allocations have not raised significant concern. The transporter has therefore revised Mod A063 to focus only on the changes required to effect the requirements of the Regulation relating to Nominations, Information Provision and Allocations in time for Oct 2015. The CER approves this approach and is of the view that this affords a greater degree of flexibility to the transporter in developing increased liquidity in balancing gas options and monitoring potential market and network operational impacts of the introduction of new gas streams to the Irish system ( due to come online in 2015).

The CER is now directing the Transporter to develop legal drafting changes to the Code of Operations in line with the A063 Code Modification Business Rules document as circulated to Industry version 3.0 as submitted to the CER on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

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