

CODE OF OPERATIONS MODIFICATION PROPOSAL



MODIFICATION DETAILS

Modification Number: A079

Modification Title: Classification of CNG Exit Points as Daily Metered (DM)

Modification Proposer:	Modification Representative:	Modification Representative Contact Details (email address):	Date Submitted:	Proposed Implementation Date:
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Proposal (including rationale):

Based on current Customer Classifications, new CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) Exit points would currently be classified as an NDM (Non-Daily Metered) Customer, due to forecast annual quantities being small (<5,500,000 kWh) in the initial years of CNG rollout. However, Shippers and end-users have indicated their preference for a Daily Metered (DM) Customer Classification for CNG Exit Points, to enable daily updates on CNG usage. Gas Networks Ireland also require access to this data in order to determine the impact of this new category of usage on the network.

Consequently, this Code Modification proposes that although CNG will have an initial expected annual quantity of <5,500,000 kWh (i.e. NDM Classification), it should be classified as DM (where the annual quantity is >5,500,000 kWh and <57,500,000 kWh).

The rationale for this proposed Code Modification is as follows:

- The Transporter requires this data, as part of the initial pilot study, for which it has received grant aid.
- Operators and Shippers have indicated that they will want daily CNG usage data in order to monitor the development of this new customer segment.

Proposed Implementation Date:

1st February 2017

Proposed section of the Code to be modified:

Part A [Definitions and Interpretation], Section 1.1: A new definition of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Exit Point to be included.

Part F [Administration], Section 2 [Classification]:

Section 2.2.1: Inclusion of CNG as type of Customer Classification. Additional amendments to the text in this section may also be required.

Section 2.2 [Reclassification]: Appropriate changes/exemptions for reclassification for CNG Exit Points (e.g. notwithstanding the Annual Quantity or forecast Annual Quantity, a CNG Exit Point shall be classified as a DM Point).

MODIFICATION MOTIVATION

Intended Outcome of the Proposed Modification:

Shippers and the Transporter will receive relevant metered CNG data, which they will require for the various purposes outlined in the Proposal rationale.

Benefits of implementing this Modification:

Classification of CNG Exit Points as Daily Metered (DM) will facilitate informed (and timely) stakeholder decision making concerning CNG usage, by ensuring:

- The Transporter can access and report daily data on CNG usage, as required as part of the initial pilot study.
- Shippers have access to and can report on relevant daily data on CNG, when required.

Consequences of not making this Modification:

The shipping community and the Transporter will not receive daily metered CNG data, which they will require for the purposes previously outlined.

Illustrative Example (Please enter a scenario where the issue and solution are illustrated):