

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

## **Transportation Network Code Proposed Modification 2 Initial Modification Report**

### **1. Introduction**

BGE(NI) Transmission (“the Transporter”) has prepared this report in accordance with Section 4 of the BGE(Northern Ireland) Transportation Network Code Modification Rules.

### **2. Proposed Modification**

This proposed modification is to change certain sections of the BGE(Northern Ireland) Transportation Network Code in order to facilitate the introduction of an interruptible service.

The modification proposal is available on the BGE(NI) website at [www.bordgais.ie/htm/transportation/index.htm](http://www.bordgais.ie/htm/transportation/index.htm)

### **3. Modification proposed by**

BGE(NI) Supply

### **4. Proposed Modification submitted**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2005

### **5. Transporters opinion of Proposed Modification**

The Transporter recognises that the Authority has indicated in their consultation paper of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005 (“Incorporating the South North Pipeline into the Northern Ireland Gas Transmission Regime”) that they are minded to continue with an interruptible service on SNIP.

EU Regulation No. 1775/2005 of 28th September 2005, on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks, was published in the Official Journal of the EU on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005. The regulation, which shall apply from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006, recommends the introduction of an interruptible service on transmission systems throughout the EU.

The Authority has also requested that the DPO’s commence discussions on the development of a proposal for rationalisation of the transportation regime on the Postalised Transmission Network in Northern Ireland.

The Transporter supports the introduction of an interruptible service provided such service is developed and implemented in a manner which does not undermine the firm service on the Postalised Network.

The Transporter proposes that an interruptible service be introduced in the BGE(NI) Transportation Network Code as part of the review and rationalisation of the transportation regime in conjunction with the Authority and the DPO's, taking account of the requirements of the recent EU regulation where appropriate.

**6. Impact on other DPO's Network Codes**

The Transporter believes that the most coordinated and cost effective way of implementing the modification proposal, to ensure consistency with the other DPO Network Codes, is as part of the review and rationalisation of the NI transportation regime.

**7. Proposed Implementation Date**

The Transporter has requested a revision of the timescales for Code Modification 2 from the Authority in accordance with Section 12 of the Code Modification Rules and proposes an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

**8. Consultation Period for Initial Modification Report**

Comments due on or before 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006