



Commission for Energy Regulation
An Coimisiún um Rialáil Fuinnimh

CODE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

PURSUANT TO PART I SECTION 1.3 OF THE CODE OF OPERATIONS

MODIFICATION

Code Modification A068 '*Balancing: EU Network Code Implementation*'

COMMISSION'S INSTRUCTION

The Commission hereby approves modification of the Code published pursuant to Section 13(1) of the Gas (Interim) (Regulation) Act 2002, as amended, in line with the legal drafting circulated in relation to Part E 'Balancing and Shrinkage' as attached to this Direction.

The Commission hereby further directs the implementation of this modification to the Code with effect as and from the start of gas day on 1st October 2015, which is aligned with the date by which the requirements of the Balancing Network Code (Regulation EU 312/2014) must be implemented.

The Commission notes that the legal drafting for Part E was carried out in accordance with the provisions of the approved business rules, with the following exceptions:

1. The Commission, in its business rules approval notice of 21 August 2015, directed an amendment to the business rules to mitigate the impact of imbalances in the immediate period after the implementation of the various market changes. Section 1.6.1 (c) has been modified under direction from the Commission to set the multiplier for first tier imbalances to one (1) for the period from 1st October 2015 to 1st April 2016.
2. The provisions of Part D which relate to the virtual inventory product (VIP) have been highlighted. VIP has not yet been reviewed in the context of the code modifications to take account of the requirements of EU codes. While all VIP drafting has been retained the availability of the VIP product is suspended with effect from 1st October 2015.

Signed:


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