

Gas Operations Forum

Exercise Sage - Changes to the NEC Safety Case for Exit reform

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Background

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- ❑ **Exit Reform removes concept of interruptible sites on NTS**
 - ❑ **Fully live on 1 Oct 2012**
 - ❑ **Impacts on NEC Safety Case**
 - ❑ **Demonstration required to show HSE that new arrangements are as safe as, or safer than, existing ones**
 - ❑ **Plan includes NEC Exercise Sage, 24 May 2011**

Existing emergency arrangements

- ❑ **Stage 1 – Potential Emergency**
 - Emergency Spec Gas
 - NTS Linepack
 - DN Network Storage
 - Public Appeal 1
 - Emergency Interruption
- ❑ **Stage 2**
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 - NG participation in OCM ceases
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- ❑ **Stage 3**
 - Firm Load Shedding
- ❑ **Stage 4**
 - Allocation & Isolation
- ❑ **Stage 5**
 - Restoration

Exit Reform proposed changes

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Exercise Sage 24th May

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- ❑ **Process test of NTS Firm load shedding at Stage two**
 - No change to the underlying process for reducing demand
 - Shippers will be notified of the relevant emergency stage
 - NTS Sites will be contacted
 - Telephone and faxed GSMR notice to enact load shedding
 - Telephone questionnaire and confirmation that exercise is complete
 - No changes to offtake flows
 - Gas Distribution Networks are not participating – no contact to GDN embedded sites

 - ❑ **Strategy test to ensure changes to the framework are consistent**
 - focus on the Network Emergency Management Team developing the strategy using the new framework

Impact

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- Knock on impacts on Transporter safety cases**
 - UNC changes required**
 - Procedures to be updated**
 - All to be in place ready to go live on 1 Oct 2012**