



MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Joint Office of Gas Transporters Newsletter, we hope you find this a useful addition to your inbox. It will be issued on a monthly basis and is designed to provide an overview of what is happening in the Uniform Network Code (UNC). In this Newsletter we have tried to provide an overview of progress across everything we do, please refer to the Table of Contents below.

At A Glance....

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Implementation Dates Coming Up

(Note PNID = Project Nexus Implementation Date)

UNC Ref	Title	Date
0587	<i>Seasonal Energy Balancing Credit Cover</i>	01 May 2017
0608S	<i>Implementation of 'single service provision' arrangements for iGT connected system exit points (Project Nexus transitional modification)</i>	15 May 2017
0610S	<i>Project Nexus – Miscellaneous Requirements</i>	15 May 2017
0432	<i>Project Nexus – Gas Demand Estimation, Allocation, Settlement and Reconciliation Reform</i>	01 June 2017
0434	<i>Project Nexus – Retrospective Adjustment</i>	01 June 2017
0440	<i>Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision</i>	01 June 2017
0445	<i>Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity</i>	PNID
0473	<i>Project Nexus – Allocation of Unidentified Gas</i>	PNID
0514	<i>Extending the Daily Metered 'voluntary' service to PNID plus six months</i>	PNID
0516S	<i>Information provision by large Customers to aid understanding of site characteristics</i>	PNID
0523S	<i>Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of 'faster switching' for Shared Supply Meter Points</i>	PNID
0572	<i>Amendment to the definition of AUG year within TPD Sec E</i>	PNID
0573	<i>Project Nexus – deferral of implementation of elements of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements</i>	PNID
0576	<i>Generation of an estimated Meter Reading at the Code Cut Off Date in the absence of an actual Meter Reading</i>	PNID
0583S	<i>Requiring an Opening Meter Reading at same User Confirmation</i>	PNID
0586FT	<i>Resolution of minor legal text drafting conflicts arising from UNC Modification 0432</i>	PNID
0589S	<i>Inclusion of CSEP Supply Meter Points within NDM Sampling Arrangements</i>	PNID
0604S	<i>Central Data Services Provider – Arrangements following implementation of Project Nexus</i>	PNID
0606S	<i>National Grid Gas plc and National Grid Gas Distribution Limited transitional invoicing arrangements post Project Nexus implementation</i>	PNID
0518S	<i>Shipper Verification of meter and address details following system meter removals</i>	01 September 2017

Consultation Close-Out Dates

By 04 May 2017

- 0617S – Revised UK Link Manual delivery date www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0617

New Modifications discussed at Panel

For a summary of the content of these modifications, see Pre-Panel Briefing Note at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/200417>

<p>0614S <i>Introducing IHD (In Home Display)</i> <i>Installed Status of Failed</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0614</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred until May to allow further consideration by the Proposer
<p>0615S <i>Representation on DSC Committees</i> <i>– amendment to include mid-year appointments</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0615</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-governance status approved Issued to Workgroup for Assessment First meeting 27 April 2017 (Distribution WG) Report to Panel by July 2017
<p>0616S <i>Capacity Conversion Mechanism for Interconnection Points</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0616</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-governance status approved Issued to Workgroup for Assessment First meeting 04 May 2017 (Transmission WG) Report to Panel by July 2017
<p>0617S <i>Revised UK Link Manual delivery date</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0617</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-governance status approved Issued to Consultation Deadline for responses: 04 May 2017 Special Panel meeting to consider implementation on 09 May 2017

Transmission Workgroup Headlines

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- Pre-Modification discussions continued on "**Capacity Conversion**". The draft modification presented by National Grid NTS was submitted to the April UNC Panel aimed at providing a process for converting unbundled capacity into bundled capacity in compliance with the amended EU CAM code: **0616S** - *Capacity Conversion Mechanism for Interconnection Points*. The assessment will commence at the Transmission Workgroup on 04 May.
- 0605S** - *Amendments to TPD Section K - Additional Methods to Procure and Dispose of Operating Margins Gas*. The draft Business Rules and Legal Text aimed at mitigating concerns around potential trading errors will be considered at the 04 May Transmission Workgroup meeting. The UNC Panel granted an extension for the Workgroup report until July.
- 0611**- *Amendments to the firm capacity payable price at Interconnection Points*. It is hoped that the Workgroup Report can be finalised at the May workgroup, once the self-governance status and impact on discounts have been assessed.

Distribution Workgroup Headlines

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- Pre-Modifications discussions were held on "**Embedded Compression**". A draft modification was presented by Barrow Green Gas and they are considering if the modification should be raised at the May UNC Panel.
- **0570** - *Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum*. Following clarification that this is a UNC change due to the proposed amendments to Shipper and Transporter licences, the Workgroup agreed that the solution was robust and that following a review of the legal text, the Workgroup Report should be concluded at the next meeting.
- **0571 0571A** – *Application of Ratchet Charges to Class 1 Supply Points (and Class 2 with an AQ above 73,200kWhs)*. A presentation provided an early view of a proposal to review the supply point ratchet charging regime. The Workgroup concluded that if taken forward, this would make the proposals in Modifications 0571/0571A redundant and be a more simplistic approach to reviewing the regime, while still maintaining ratchets. This would allow the withdrawal of Modifications 0571/0571A and avoid the risks identified during consultation.
- **0593 / iGT095** – *Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries*. The Workgroup agreed that it would be beneficial if a meeting could be arranged between the CMA and a small representative group of Workgroup participants, to get a clearer understanding of the Order requirements and how specifically they relate to DES as a solution option. Further discussion was deferred to the 25 May 2017 meeting.
- **0594R** – *Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering*. The Workgroup concluded that the draft questions proposed to be used in an Ofgem Request for Information (RFI) were suitable for this purpose and that the outputs from the RFI should be set out in the Workgroup Report. The Workgroup agreed that further discussion should be deferred until the RFI had been undertaken and that an extension to the Workgroup Reporting date should be requested to the July Panel.
- **0613S** – *Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document*. The Workgroup considered a draft timeline to allow for the review of the documents that comprise the UK Link Manual in time for a July implementation date. As the timeline is challenging and it was agreed that it would be beneficial if documents of technical nature were reviewed by the DSC Change Management Committee and other governance related documents reviewed by the Workgroup. A specific 0613S Workgroup meeting has been arranged for 05 June 2017 at Xoserve.
- **0615S** - *Representation on DSC Committees: amendment to include mid-year appointments*. The Workgroup considered the intent of the modification and agreed it would add clarity to the appointment process. There were some concerns expressed that existings members who held seats or extra votes due to no nominations being received for a specific Shipper Class, may find that they lose their seat or extra vote should a participant of an unrepresented class wish to take up a seat part way through a year. The Workgroup agreed that following a review of the legal text, the Workgroup Report should be concluded at the next meeting.
- Other points of note:-
 - **RAASP** - is being considered in more detail although there were concerns expressed that the implementation date is still reflected in Code as 01 October 2017.
 - **Gas NIC Project – Future Billing Methodology** – it should be noted that the consultation date has been extended from 14 April 2017 to 12 May 2017 and that it is intended to publish all consultation responses on the website.

Committees Update

Energy Balancing Credit Committee (EBCC) <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/EBCC>

- Due to a decline in membership the current 5 EBCC members have requested that an interim appointment process is enacted to seek at least one additional EBCC member.
- At the May meeting the EBCC will be undertaking a security review, a 12 Month Review and considering what that focus should be for 2017/2018.

Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC) <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc>

- The Demand Estimation Technical Workgroup considered the Spring Analysis Phase 1 Data Validation and Aggregations during April. The next steps for the Technical Workgroup will be to consider the Single year modelling results and approve commencement to model smoothing.
- The smoothed models will be reviewed by DESC and Technical Workgroup members at its meeting on 12 July 2017. The wider industry will then be invited to review and comment on the proposed models for 2017/18, including Annual Load Profiles and Peak Load Factors.
- To ensure sample sizes remain representative, Xoserve are looking to obtain additional daily consumption data from Shippers, especially for meter points in EUC 01B. For more details please contact: xoserve.demand.estimation@xoserve.com

Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/PAC>

- The PAFA Procurement process is on track
- Annual Workplan and Budget for 2017/18
 - Main topic areas have been agreed
 - Working towards a consultation in July 2017
- Performance Assurance Report Register (PARR)
 - Schedule 1 reports have been considered, with no significant concerns at this time
 - Anonymised versions are available on the Xoserve secure portal
 - Parties are reminded that Schedule 2 reports are not expected to be available until 6-9 months after Nexus go-live. In the interim, Schedule 1 reporting will continue wherever possible.

Data Service Contract (DSC) Committees <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DSC-CDSP>

- The key Data Services Contract (DSC) and UK Link User Agreement (UUA) documents are available on the Xoserve website at: <http://www.xoserve.com/index.php/our-change-programme/xoserves-funding-governance-and-ownership-fgo-programme>. An additional link to these documents is also available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DSC-Documents>
- In April, the two DSC Committees held their first meetings since implementation of the new arrangements. Details of the Committee members and forthcoming meetings are listed on the Joint Office website.
- The Credit Committee are in the final stages of approving the Credit Rules and are reviewing the requirement for confidentiality agreements and levels of risk placed on the members.

Charging Methodology Forums

Distribution Network Charging Methodology Forum (DNCFM)

- The next meeting is scheduled for 20 June 2017 and the GDNs intend to provide an overview of the Allowed and Collected DN Revenue Reports to assist industry understanding.

Transmission Network Charging Methodology Forum (NTSCMF)

- The NTSCMF is focusing on the Gas Charging Review (GCR), assessing both the requirements of the EU tariff code and potential improvements to the existing GB Charging Framework.
- Charging Calculation spreadsheets (with user guides) have been made available to enable stakeholders to review the impacts of potential changes to the GB Gas Transmission Charging framework. A modification proposal is being developed and drafted, in anticipation of submission to the June 2017 UNC Modification Panel.

Things to Note...

- **Retirement of Lorna Dupont**
 - Having worked for the Joint Office since late 2005 Lorna Dupont has now left the team to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Her contributions will be greatly missed nevertheless we wish Lorna the very best.
 - All enquiries that were previously sent to Lorna, should now be addressed to the Joint Office Enquires box account: enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk
- **Withdrawn Modification(s)**
 - None to report this month.
- **Joint Office website**
 - Work has commenced on the refresh of the Joint Office Website. We will keep you informed as work progresses.
- **Recruitment**
 - The Joint Office are in the process of recruiting an additional Workgroup Co-ordinator to join the team. Applications closed on 30 April 2017.



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