

Joint Office

of Gas Transporters

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Welcome to the Joint Office of Gas Transporters Newsletter, we hope you find this a useful addition to your inbox. It is issued on a monthly basis and is intended to provide an overview of what is happening across the Uniform Network Code (UNC) governance arena. In this Newsletter, we have provided 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		
UNC Ref	Title	Date
0613S	<i>Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document</i>	13 October 17
0626FT	<i>Updating UNC Section B to correct a number of references to the timing of processes associated with the start of a Gas Day</i>	13 October 17
0570	<i>Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum</i>	03 November 17

Consultation Close-Out Dates		www.gasgovernance.co.uk/consult
0616S	<i>Capacity Conversion Mechanism for Interconnection Points</i>	12 October 17

New Modifications discussed at September Panel	
For a summary of the content of these modifications, see Pre-Panel Briefing Note at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/210917	
0619A <i>Protection from ratchet charges for daily read customers with an AQ of 732,000kWh and below.</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0619	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority Direction Approved. • Issued to Workgroup for Assessment. • First meeting 28 September 2017 (Distribution Workgroup). • Report to Panel by 21 December 2017.
0626FT <i>Updating UNC Section B to correct a number of references to the timing of processes associated with the start of a Gas Day.</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0626	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast Track Self-Governance Approved. • Implementation Date 13 October 2017.
0627S <i>Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Exit connections.</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0627	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Governance Approved. • Issued to Workgroup for Assessment. • First meeting 05 October 2017 (Transmission Workgroup). • Report to Panel by 21 December 2017.
Workgroup Reports discussed at September Panel	
0594R <i>Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0594	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred back to Workgroup for Further Assessment. • Report now expected at Panel by 21 December 2017.
0607S <i>Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0607	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred back to Workgroup for Further Assessment. • Report now expected at Panel by 21 December 2017.

<p>0616S <i>Capacity Conversion Mechanism for Interconnection Points</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0616</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued to Consultation. • Deadline for responses: 12 October 2017.
<p>Final Modification Reports discussed at September Panel</p>	
<p>0593V <i>Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0593</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel unanimously recommended implementation. • Ofgem decision awaited.
<p>0613 <i>Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document</i> www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0613</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel unanimously determined that this • Self-Governance Modification should be implemented. • Implementation Date 13 October 2017.

<p>Transmission Workgroup Headlines</p>	<p>www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Modification - Treatment of Capacity at Combined ASEPs. This Modification Proposal (which has not yet passed the pre-mod stage) will consider the introduction of different classifications of capacity at ASEPs to allow different charging treatments. Given the links to some of the topics under UNC0621, a more detailed Modification for the Combined ASEP Modification Proposal will be presented to the Transmission Workgroup on 05 November 2017 following publication of an updated draft to Modification 0621 at the 13 October 2017 NTSCMF meeting. • Project CLoCC is a Network Innovation Competition project focussing on customer low cost connections aimed at reducing the cost and time taken to facilitate lower flow connections to the NTS. The project aims to deliver by October 2018. There are potentially 3 UNC Modification Proposals associated with this: 1. Removal of requirement for ROV at Exit Points 2. Standard Design Application to Offer (A20) 3. Standard Design PARCA. • 0627S - Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Exit connections (Proposer National Grid NTS). This Modification will be considered at the 05 October Transmission Workgroup meeting. • 0607S - Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point. This modification will be considered at a separate meeting on 06 October 2017 with a view to submission to October Panel. 	

Distribution Workgroup Headlines

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- **Pre-Modification** - *Amending the permissions to release data to Meter Asset Provider organisations.* It was noted that the proposal would benefit industry participants and there was a general consensus that as the Proposed Modification was sufficiently developed and understood it could be issued to consultation.
- **0594R** – *Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering.* The Workgroup reviewed the initial anonymised report of the RFI findings and were comfortable that the report could be concluded at the following meeting based on the information provided. However, participants agreed further discussion was required to agree recommendations.
- **0619** - *Application of proportionate ratchet charges to daily read sites* and **0619A** - *Protection from ratchet charges for daily read customers with an AQ of 732,000kWh and below.* The Workgroup considered the amended 0619 and alternate 0619A Modifications. Further discussions took place concerning the potential impacts of 0619 on the management of the Transporters networks should ratchet incentive charges be reduced, or with 0619A, the justification for excluding sites with an AQ of 732,000kh or below. The Workgroup concluded that further assessment was required for both Modifications, although it was anticipated that a report could be provided to the December Panel.
- **0625** - *Extension of 4 months to 10 months to transfer non-mandatory sites from Class 1.* The Workgroup discussed the amended Modification which proposes to extend the transfer period by 4 months rather than 6 months as previously proposed. Self-Governance was discussed and some participants felt the Modification would have a material impact on competition as it would potentially impact the allocation of unidentified gas, however, others felt as this was for a short transitional period it should not be considered material. It was anticipated that the Workgroup Report could be concluded at the next meeting.

Other Workgroups

- **0623** - *Governance Arrangements for Alternatives to Self-Governance Modification Proposals.* The Workgroup discussed the amended Modification and agreed that subject to the provision of legal text, the report could be concluded at the next meeting and that it would be beneficial if this meeting could be included as the first Workgroup at the October Distribution Workgroup and not held as a stand alone Workgroup.
- **0624R** - *Review of arrangements for Retrospective Adjustment of Meter Information, Meter Point/Supply Point and Address data.* The Workgroup considered the proposed options for RAASP and the initial draft questions which are to be included in the Request For Information (RFI) exercise. It was noted that the high level impact assessment based on the RAASP options should be available for the October meeting and that this should be used to develop the questions for inclusion in the RFI, which is likely to be issued out to industry participants during November.

Charging Methodology Forums

Distribution Network Charging Methodology Forum (DNCFM)

- The Distribution Network Operators provided an overview of the September DN Revenue Reports.
- The next quarterly DN Revenue reports will be published at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DNRevenueReports/2017Dec and these will be reviewed at the DNCFM on 11 January 2018.

NTS Charging Methodology Forum (NTSCMF) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ntscmf

- **0621 - Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime.** Three topics were covered at this month's meeting: Avoiding Inefficient Bypass of the NTS, Multipliers/Interruptible and Forecasted Contracted Capacity. A helpful summary diagram of how components of the transmission services charges fit together has been provided on slide 8 of the NTS slide pack: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/NTSCMF/260917
- An amended modification with further detail of the specific aspects of the proposed changes is expected from National Grid NTS before the 13 October NTSCMF meeting (in Solihull).
- A new version (v1.42) of the Transmission Charging model (spreadsheet) has been published.
- No further sub workgroup meetings are scheduled at the moment; further information can be obtained from: box.transmissioncapacityandcharging@nationalgrid.com
- It is expected that both the UNC consultation and the ACER consultation (for EU Tariff Code) will occur simultaneously based on the standard UNC documentation. Ofgem are expected to make their decision after this process finishes.

Committees Update

Energy Balancing Credit Committee (EBCC) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/EBCC

- Members noted that there were no significant issues identified in the Operational Report.

Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC

- An additional meeting may be required on 21 November 2017 to discuss Seasonal Normal Data. This will be communicated if deemed necessary.

Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/PAC

- **Performance Assurance Framework Administrator (PAFA) Mobilisation**
The PAC were provided with an update of the PAFA mobilisation process.
- **Estimated readings not being provided for DM sites**
The PAC is concerned about the slow progress to correct the previously advised DM sites issue. The PAC notes that the issue is being discussed weekly at a TPG related meeting and has decided to keep a watching brief before considering further actions.
- **Additional sites with an AQ of 1KWh**
The PAC is recommending a change to the UNC AQ Validation Rules to add a rule that if a site consumption is negative the preceding AQ is carried forward.
- **Risk Register**
The PAFA provided an initial draft of the PAF Risk register seeking views from PAC members on content and relevance. The draft register is published on the PAC meeting page. The document is still under review by PAC and is subject to change. www.gasgovernance.co.uk/pac/080817
- **Workplan and budget consultation document in progress**
Following further discussions on the content and scope of the Workplan, PAC are now looking to conclude the document so that it can be issued to consultation.

Committees Update continued...

Data Service Contract (DSC) Committees www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DSC-CDSP

- The Change Management Committee reviewed and agreed the scope of Release 2 which is scheduled for June 2017. 4 Change Proposals are under consideration for Release 2 pending Impact Assessment.
 - UKLP112 Missing Key Data Item from iGTs to Shippers (Plot Number).
 - COR3283 Recording of DN Site Works.
 - UKLP262 Change to RGMA validations for LI confirmations.
 - UKLP273 Priority Services Register/Vulnerable Customers Data Requirements Option A.
- The Credit Committee continue to monitor payment performance with no significant issues being reported.

Things to Note...

- **Joint Office Accomodation**
 - We anticipate being able to announce our new office location during October.
- **Meeting Papers Reminder**
 - We would like to remind parties of the timescales relating to agenda items and meeting papers (for publication) . JO requires papers to be presented 5 days before meetings, as this enables delegates time to read and prepare in advance. Agenda items are also required 5 days in advance.
 - Timely provision of meeting publications is essential for meetings to be effective and fully informed.
 - Late papers will be by exception and only with the appropriate approval.
- **Withdrawn Modification(s)**
 - None this month.



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