

Joint Office

of Gas Transporters

March 2018 NEWSLETTER

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
0638V	<i>Mandate monthly read submission for Smart and AMR sites from 01 April 2018</i>	01 April 2018
0632S	<i>Shipper asset details reconciliation</i>	10 April 2018
0640S	<i>Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Suppliers</i>	10 April 2018
0650FT	<i>Minor Typographical Correction to UNC0638V Legal Text</i>	10 April 2018
0623	<i>Governance Arrangements for Alternatives to Self-Governance Modification Proposals</i>	TBC

Consultation Close-Out Dates		www.gasgovernance.co.uk/consult
0619	<i>Application of proportionate ratchet charges to daily read sites</i>	01 March 2018
619A	<i>Protection from ratchet charges for daily read customers with an AQ of</i>	
0619B	<i>73,200kWh and below Application of proportionate ratchet charges to daily read sites</i>	
0632S	<i>Shipper asset details reconciliation</i>	08 March 2018
0640S	<i>Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Suppliers</i>	08 March 2018

Urgent Modifications discussed at February 2018 Panel
None

New Modifications discussed at February 2018 Panel	
<p>0621C – Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0621</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as an alternate to Modification 0621. • Issued to Workgroup 0621 workgroup. • Report to Panel by 17 May 2018.
<p>0621D – Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0621</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as an alternate to Modification 0621. • Issued to Workgroup 0621 workgroup. • Report to Panel by 17 May 2018.
<p>0621E – Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0621</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as an alternate to Modification 0621. • Issued to Workgroup 0621 workgroup. • Report to Panel by 17 May 2018.
<p>0621F – Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0621</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as an alternate to Modification 0621. • Issued to Workgroup 0621 workgroup. • Report to Panel by 17 May 2018.
<p>0636B – Updating the parameters for the NTS Optional Commodity Charge www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0636</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as an alternate to Modification 0636. • Issued to Workgroup 0636 workgroup. • Report to Panel by 15 March 2018.
<p>0642A - Changes to settlement regime to address Unidentified Gas issues www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0642</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as an alternate to Modification 0642 • To follow the same timeline as Modification 0642 (Urgent). • Report to Panel by 15 February 2018.
<p>0648 - End dating the revised DM Read estimation process introduced by Modification 0634 www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0648</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Governance Approved. • Issued to Workgroup for Assessment. • First workgroup meeting 22 February 2018 (Distribution Workgroup). • Report to Panel by 15 March 2018.
Workgroup Reports discussed at February 2018 Panel	
<p>0624R - Review of arrangements for Retrospective Adjustment of Meter Information, Meter Point/Supply Point and Address data www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0624</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel accepted Workgroup recommendations. • Request closed.
<p>0632S – Shipper asset details reconciliation www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0632</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued to Consultation. • Deadline for responses 5pm on 08 March 2018. • Report to be presented to 15 March Panel 2018

<p>0640S – Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Suppliers www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0640</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued to Consultation. • Deadline for responses 5pm on 08 March 2018. • Report to be presented to 15 March Panel 2018
<p>0641S – Amendments to Modification 0431 - Shipper/Transporter - Meter Point Portfolio Reconciliation rules and obligations www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0641</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel agreed to send back to Workgroup for further assessment. • Report to Panel by 19 April 2018
<p>Variation Requests discussed at February 2018 Panel</p>	
<p>Final Modification Reports discussed at February 2018 Panel</p>	
<p>0623 - Governance Arrangements for Alternatives to Self-Governance Modification Proposals www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0623</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel unanimously recommended that this Modification should be implemented.
<p>0642 (Urgent) - Changes to settlement regime to address Unidentified Gas issues www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0642</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel did not recommend implementation.
<p>0642A (Urgent) - Changes to settlement regime to address Unidentified Gas issues www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0642</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel did not recommend implementation.
<p>0643 (Urgent) - Changes to settlement regime to address Unidentified Gas issues including retrospective correction www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0643</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel did not recommend implementation.

<p>Distribution Workgroup Headlines</p>	<p>www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dist</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Third Party Intermediaries and Brokers having access to data via an API solution.</i> The Workgroup noted the proposed changes and that this modification was a permission modification and that any associated services would be managed through the DSC Change Management Committee. ○ <i>Adding AQ reporting to the PARR reporting suite.</i> The Workgroup recommended that a view is provided by PAC as to the need for these reports changes. ○ <i>Obligation to submit reads and data for winter consumption calculation for meters in EUC bands 3 – 8.</i> The Workgroup recommended that additional detail on the requirements are included in the Solution and that this modification would impact a PAC Risk. ○ <i>Introducing an allowable period of [28] days for the initiation of Class 1 and Class 2 financial adjustments.</i> The Workgroup noted that urgency was being considered and as such the modification needed to be clearer and also identify if there were actions being requested for PAC to consider. 	

- **0641S** - *Amendments to Modification 0431 - Shipper/Transporter - Meter Point Portfolio Reconciliation rules and obligations.* The Workgroup reviewed the amended modification, noting that it was unclear if 90 calendar or business days were being requested. The Proposer agreed to amend the modification so that Legal Text could be requested at the March Panel.
- **0648S** - *End dating the revised DM Read estimation process introduced by Modification 0634.* Following an introduction by the Proposer, the Workgroup concluded the report for submission to the March Panel. No issues were identified that required further assessment.

Others Issues

- *Revised estimation process for DM sites with D-7 zero consumption.* The Workgroup noted that Modification 0648 was proposing an end date to the process and therefore concluded the report, with a recommendation that this topic should be closed.

Other Workgroups

- **0630R** - *Review of the consequential changes required in UNC as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme.* The focus of the next meeting (23 March 2018) is to develop the draft Business Requirement Document (BRD) for Gemini Updates, which is expected to be of interest to National Grid NTS and Shippers.
- **0639R** - *Review of AUGE Framework and Arrangements.* At the last meeting on the 27 February the Workgroup reviewed the 7 key issues that arose from the previous meeting and have drafted solutions for further consideration at the next meeting. The key changes proposed are in relation to the AUG Timeline and these hope to make the process more transparent and allow greater stakeholder engagement.

Transmission Workgroup Headlines

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx

This Workgroup meets on the first Thursday of every month, receiving regular Ofgem and EU code updates. The current modifications covered are:

- **Project CLoCC** (Customer Low Cost Connections) is focussing on customer low cost connections to the NTS:
 - **0628S** - *Standard Design Connections: PARCA process* (Proposer National Grid NTS). At the March meeting proposed fees were reviewed along with updates to the Legal text. This Modification is due to report to the May 2018 Panel.
 - **0629S** - *Standard Design Connections: A20 connection process* (Proposer National Grid NTS). This Modification is due to report to the May 2018 Panel.
- **0645** - *Amending the Oxygen content limit in the Network Entry Agreement at South Hook LNG.* The workgroup report is to be submitted to the March Panel and it is expected that it will be issued to consultation thereafter.

Charging Methodology Forums

Distribution Network Charging Methodology Forum (DNCMF)

- No meeting held this month.
- The next quarterly DN Revenue reports will be published at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DNRevenueReports/2018 and these will be reviewed at the DNCMF on 27 March 2018.

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

- **0621 - Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime**
 - A total of 6 alternatives **0621A, 0621B, 0621C, 0621D, 0621E and 0621F** (all entitled Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime) are being considered (as of the date of the February Panel).
 - **Ofgem Direction Decision** – on the 8th March 2018 Ofgem directed National Grid Gas plc (NGG) to undertake specific tasks to implement aspects of Regulation (EU) 2017/4601, the European Network Code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (TAR NC). The JO are working with NTS to understand the tasks to be undertaken to ensure the workgroup report is submitted to the May Panel.
- **0636/A/B - Updating the parameters for the NTS Optional Commodity Charge.** The key focus at the meetings is the development of the Workgroup report for both the original and Alternative proposals. Good progress is being made in this regard but amendments to the modifications need to be made before the legal text can be finalised/reviewed by the Workgroup.

UIG Workgroup Headlines

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/UIG

This Workgroup has been established to discuss Modifications related to UIG:

- **0631R - Review of NDM algorithm post-Nexus.** The next meeting is planned to be held on the same day as Modification 0644 (20 March 2018) and is to concentrate on the completion of the Request Workgroup Report. The review has raised awareness of UIG issues but the workgroup has not identified any specific improvements that should be progressed.
- **UNC 0644 - Improvements to nomination and reconciliation through the introduction of new EUC bands and improvements in the CWV.** Discussions had been deferred until the 20 March but DESC (13 February) has performed analysis that has identified benefits in the introduction of the proposed changes to the EUC bands (see DESC update). The Business Rules of the 3 key areas of the Modification are to be progressed as the next meeting.

Committees Updates

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

- Please be advised that 4 additional User Representatives need to be appointed to the Energy Balancing Credit Committee (EBCC) to increase current membership. The EBCC is a body of User representatives with certain rights and responsibilities relating to the management of the Community's Energy Balancing Credit Risk. These representatives are normally elected annually, via the UNC Shipper Representative Appointment Process for a period of 12 months and are entitled to vote and act in accordance with UNC TPD Section X. The Joint Office are to seek nominations from Single Points of Contacts (SPoCs) for these additional members.

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

- DESC reviewed analysis on the 27 February which revealed that the allocation process could benefit from introducing new categorisations for EUCs and as a result DESC requested that extra demand models are produced which could support two additional EUCs for both Band 1 (0-73.2MWh pa) and Band 2 (73.2-293 MWh pa) - in line with those proposed in UNC Modification 0644. The next meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2018 to confirm the modelling runs to take forward based on aggregations/WAR band definitions.

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

- PAC held a closed meeting on 05 March 2018.
- Winter Annual Ratio (WAR) band analysis highlighted that there were still inappropriate behaviours in this area. PAC questioned whether the education work in this area has worked.
- The PAC have scheduled an extraordinary PAC meeting on 26 March 2018 to discuss the issue of poor read submission and impacts on WAR band take up.
- PAC reviewed reports on Large Supply Point (LSP) read submission data for Product Classes 2 and 3 along with the delays in Daily Metered (DM) consumption adjustment. PAC discussed the potential of drafting an Urgent Modification to allow Xoserve to change the Class of a Supply Point if meter reads are not submitted within a certain time period. The Performance Assurance Framework Administrator (PAFA) are to develop this proposal further.
- It was noted that the iGT UNC Modification Panel has approved the permissions Modification with an implementation dated of 22 March 2018 which will allow the available set of finalised PARR reports to be provided.

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

- **DSC Change Management Committee** met on 7 March 2018.
 - Good progress continues to be made with the delivery of Release 2 and the recent focus has been on the development of the testing and training requirements. Release 3 is in the design phase and some changes have been de-scoped following the development of associated cost information that showed there was insufficient benefits to continue. Release 2 is planned to be implemented in June 2018 and Release 3 is planned to be implemented in November 2018.
 - Work has recently been undertaken by Xoserve to review and amend some key documents used at the meeting; Bubbling Under Report, DSC Implementation Plan, Xoserve Change Register and Horizon Plans (for both UKL and Gemini). Feedback from members has been very positive on the changes made.
- **DSC Credit Committee** continues to monitor payment performance with no significant issues being reported.
- **DSC Contract Management Committee** met on 14 March 2018. Discussions have recently been had with members on 5 new Key Value Indicators (KVIs) to support the existing suite of KPIs and this meeting sought their final approval.

Things to Note...

- **Joint Office Website Update**

- We have had lots of positive feedback on the look of the new Joint Office Website and appreciate you taking the time to let us know.
- Unfortunately the experience has not been entirely positive, with a number of Internet Explorer 11 users experiencing problems with the mega main menu links (do not open) and a fix has been put in place.
- We are also aware of problems resulting from people using old internet browsers. We recommend that you always use the latest version of browsers:
 - IE 11 upwards
 - Chrome 64 and upwards
 - Opera 51
 - Safari 5.1

- **Withdrawn Modification(s)**

- **0635** - Reforms to incentivise accurate and timely DM reads for Class 2 Meter Points to improve the accuracy of Unidentified Gas allocation
<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0635>



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