

# Business Principles

For

## Invoicing

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## 1. Glossary

Term / Acronym	Definition
AdHoc Invoicing	Use of the Adhoc invoice functionality as opposed to core transportation and energy invoices.
CSEP	Connected System Exit Point; meter points on an iGT network.
DCC	DataCommsCo
DECC	Department Energy Climate Change
LDZ	Local Distribution Zone
MSF	Market Sector Flag
NTS	National Grid Transmission
SME	Small & Medium Sized Enterprises
SMIP	Smart Metering Implementation Programme
SSP	Smaller Supply Point

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## 2. Document Purpose

The purpose of this document is to ensure that the business requirements associated with the referenced change have been accurately captured and to clearly specify these requirements to the Project Nexus UNC Workgroup (PN UNC). Adequate information should be provided to enable the industry to approve the documented requirements for Cost benefit Analysis at a later stage.

The contents refer to the business scope of the change and provide descriptions of the business requirements and the relevant existing and future process maps.

This document contains business principles for the different options identified by PN UNC around invoicing arrangements. These options have been documented following discussion and agreement at the Invoicing meetings of the PN UNC Workgroups.

### 2.1. Intended Audience

- Xoserve
- Gas Shippers/Suppliers
- Gas Transporters
- Customer Representative

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### 3. Executive Summary

#### 3.1 Introduction to the change

This document defines the principles for Invoicing of transportation charges for gas supply meter points.

The document has been based on presentations and discussions at the Project Nexus Invoicing Workgroup.

#### 3.2 Implementation Timescales

Implementation of the developed solution will be confirmed once all requirements are captured following the Project Nexus Requirements Definition Phase.

#### 3.3 Change Drivers and Business Goals

##### 3.3.1 Drivers

1. The current invoices submitted by Xoserve do not have the same standards and formats
2. A large number of invoices are issued 'off-line'
3. Invoicing supporting data is issued via various means
4. The invoices are difficult to validate due to aggregation of charges

##### 3.3.2 Business Goals

1. Invoices are issued to a standard format via a common interface
2. All invoices are at a level to enable Shippers to validate the charges

#### 3.4 Change Background

The changes have been identified as a result of Xoserve's Project Nexus consultation for the replacement of UKLink systems and following DECC's consultation on Smart metering and Supplier licence obligation for the installation of advanced meters.

##### 3.4.1 Areas Identified in the Initial Requirements Register (IRR)

IRR Ref.	Requirement	Outcome
8.1	Fewer Adhoc and Offline invoices and invoice items	Included in Principles
8.2	Introduce an invoice pre-validation process	No longer required, Closed
8.3	Flexibility to invoice Suppliers across a range of portfolios	Included in Principles

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<a href="#">8.6</a>	<a href="#">Improved User pays and Ad-Hoc invoice backing data</a>	<a href="#">Included in Principles</a>
<a href="#">8.7</a>	<a href="#">The cessation of transportation capacity costs aligned with actual meter removal dates</a>	<a href="#">Included in Principles</a>
<a href="#">8.9</a>	<a href="#">Greater level of granularity in the supporting data for invoices</a>	<a href="#">Included in Principles</a>
<a href="#">8.10</a>	<a href="#">Internet access to the supporting data behind any of the transportation invoices</a>	<a href="#">Included in Non-Functional</a>

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3.4.2 Business Issues Raised during the Invoicing Workgroups

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<a href="#">Supporting data for the invoices does not always provide sufficient information, and at the appropriate level, to enable the charges to be validated</a>	<a href="#">Included in Principles</a>
<a href="#">Visibility of consumption data at Meter Point level for SSP is not currently available</a>	<a href="#">Included in Principles</a>

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3.4.4 Licence Impacts

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3.5 Related Documents

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<a href="#">All Baselined BRD's produced by PN UNC Workgroup</a>	Joint Office Website

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## 4. Benefits

These will need to be aligned with the Transporters relevant objectives.

### 4.1 Industry Benefits

- 4.1.1 All supporting documentation issued via electronic transfer enables easier uploading of the data to Shippers' systems.
- 4.1.2 Uniform standards set for all large GT invoices enables ease of understanding of the invoice.
- 4.1.3 The ability for Shippers to segment their invoices will aid their internal business processes for analysing the data.
- 4.1.4 Easier validation of charges
- 4.1.5 Easier reporting

### 4.2 Disadvantages

- 4.2.1 Invoicing at supply point/meter point level will significantly increase the volume of data issued to Shippers.
- 4.2.2 Inclusion of additional/different items on the invoice may change the file formats

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## 5. Change Scope

### 5.1 In Scope

**Function:**

- 1. Transportation Invoices
- 2. UNC User Pays invoices
- 3. Level of detail contained in the invoice
- 4. Mechanism for the issue and delivery of invoices
- 5. Security
- 6. Invoice content

**Market Sector:**

- 1. All directly connected supply points including CSEPs
- 2. Daily Metered CSEPs (iGT sites above the DM Mandatory threshold)
- 3. NTS Sites

### 5.2 Out of Scope

**Function:**

- 1. Date of issue of invoices
- 2. Credit terms
- 3. Energy balancing invoices
- 4. Incentives and Liabilities
- 5. Financial adjustment principles
- 6. Charge types

**Market Sector:**

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# Detailed Requirements Analysis

## 6. Assumptions and Concerns

### 6.1 Assumptions

- 6.1.1 The business rules will need to be appropriate for dumb metered sites as well as remotely read sites
- 6.1.2 Continual monitoring to take place of SMIP developments to ensure alignment with parties obligations and DCC services

### 6.2 Process Assumptions

- 6.2.1 These invoicing processes will follow the prevailing Line-in-the-Sand arrangements, which may be amended in future by Modification 0395 and/or 0398.

### 6.3 Dependencies

- 6.3.1 Approval of the requirements by PN UNC
- 6.3.2 Approval by Ofgem following the appropriate UNC Modification process
- 6.3.3 Outcome of proposals raised by Wales & West Utilities to align all Supply Points to a single Meter Point

### 6.4 Risks/Issues

- 6.4.1 There may be opposition to any potential Modifications raised, particularly because not all Shippers/Suppliers/Transporters attend the Workgroups or are represented.
- 6.4.2 Introduction of fully detailed supporting information for all Meter Points will significantly increase the volumes of data being transferred between Xserve and Shippers, and may increase the validation workload and processing/storage requirements in Shippers' organisations.

### 6.5 Constraints

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## 7. Overview of Business Processes

Not applicable.

### 7.1 Current Processes and Process Maps

Not applicable.

### 7.2 To-Be Processes and Process Maps

Not applicable.

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## 8. Business Principles

The business principles below have been derived from the Initial Requirements Register and subsequent discussions at the Project Nexus UNC Workgroup.

### 8.1 Standardisation of Invoices

- 8.1.1 All invoice documents and supporting information documents to be sent by a consistent means of electronic transfer.
- 8.1.2 All supporting information for Adhoc invoice documents will adhere to a standard file format.
- 8.1.3 All invoice supporting information to detail the charges at meter point level or, at a sufficient level to enable the Shipper to validate the charges.
- 8.1.4 Standard, user friendly, invoice naming to be applied across all invoices e.g. an invoice is not named after a Modification number.

### 8.2 Invoice Document

- 8.2.1 No change to current arrangements for Invoice Documents: for each invoice, a set of invoice summary documents (specific to Network) detailing aggregated charges and a separate supporting document detailing charges at meter point level (see 8.1.3 above).or otherwise at the lowest level of detail available.
- 8.2.2 More predictability and more standardisation of Adhoc invoices, wherever feasible.

### 8.3 Invoice Segmentation

- 8.3.1 Shippers may wish to sort or segment their invoices based on data in the supporting information or held in their databases.
- 8.3.2 There may be a requirement to add additional items to the supporting information files, to support Shippers in sorting their invoice data. Any changes to invoice file formats would be managed by UKLink Committee.

At present all the possible additional items already exist on the Supply Point Register. Any new data items or changes to existing data items would need to be included in the Supply Point Register BRD.

### 8.4 Invoice Charges

- 8.4.1 Removal of current scenarios where adjustments to invoice charges are calculated and sent separately due to timing or systems constraints.
  - For example, 8 days of transportation charges are currently adjusted and refunded separately when a meter point has been isolated.

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**8.5 Pricing Module**

8.5.1 Flexibility within the system for future pricing and charging structures

8.5.2 Ability for GTs to have different pricing formulas for their Distribution Networks

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### 9. Transitional Rules

Transitional rules may be required to deal with the period immediately before and after the implementation of these rules.

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