



# UNC Update to Replace Facsimile

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Obligated communication methods between parties (e.g. Transporters and Shippers) is clearly stated within UNC documents



At present within the UNC General, TPD, OAD and IGTAD documents, such communication should take the form of telephone or facsimile (fax)



Facsimile is no longer a principle communication method across the gas industry. Email, EDSS and Fact24/ANS offer efficient and reliable alternatives

- There are 80 references to facsimile/fax within the documents listed in **Table 1**
- 64% of all references are within the General document, and 31% within the TPD.
- The specific locations of all 80 references are identified in the accompanied **Facsimile References** spreadsheet

**Table 1:** Summary count of Facsimile/fax references

Document	Total Count
General	51
Offtake Arrangements Document	2
Transportation Principal Document	25
EUROPEAN INTERCONNECTION DOCUMENT	0
INDEPENDENT GAS TRANSPORTER ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENT	1
Energy Balancing Credit Rules	1

## Why change?

PSTN and ISDN lines, employed by facsimile machines, will be switched off nationally in December 2025. New systems will no longer be compatible with or offer fax capability\*

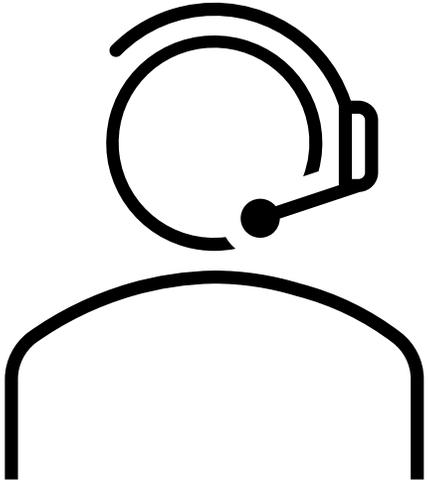
Facsimile produces a substantial quantity of paper and cartridge waste

Retrieving and transposing information from facsimiles requires greater labour demands



We propose to replace all references to ‘**facsimile**’ with ‘**email\***’, providing two UNC referenced communication methods moving forwards: telephone and email. This will ensure compliance with UNC code when parties communicate via alternative methods to facsimile

Track-change documents, a comparison table and reference summary table will all be provided as supplementary material to a submitted modification application clearly identifying all proposed changes within the UNC General, OAD, TPD, and IGTAD documents



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DNs (SGN and WWU) have raised the issue previously. The upcoming national PSTN and ISDN switch off has also been on the Gas Task Force agenda and a previous UNC 'Review' (0590) has been raised by EON

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Constructive conversations have taken place with Xoserve, who will investigate CDSP impacts attributable to UNC facsimile replacement via a ROM. A Change Proposal has also been raised by Xoserve

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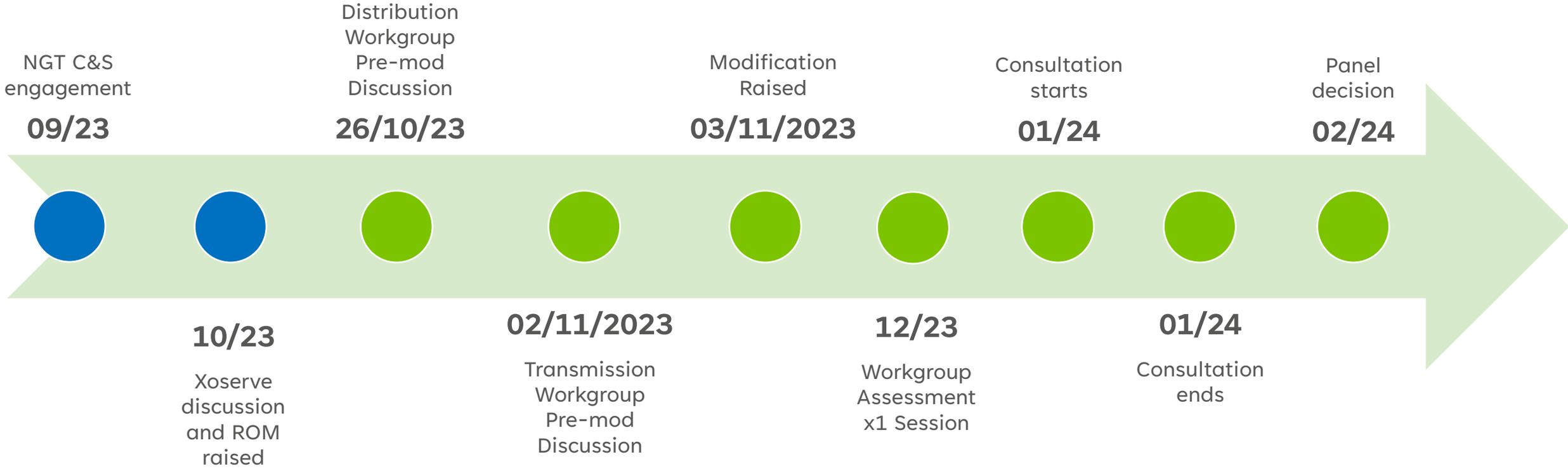
The EBC Committee (EBCC) members are engaged and have approved proposed change to the EBC Rules following this UNC Modification implementation

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National Gas have engaged with customers and stakeholders to ensure readiness for fax removal. Good progress made with customers now using alternative methods, e.g. Electronic Data Submission Service (EDSS)

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Ofgem are aware of this proposed self-governance modification. ANS and mailing list updates distributed



**Thank you**

