

Business Principles

For

Invoicing

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1. Glossary

Term / Acronym	Definition
AdHoc Invoicing	
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

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.

Until the approved version, this document will contain draft business rules for the different options identified by PN UNC around invoicing arrangements. These options have been documented for further discussion and clarification at the Invoicing meetings of the PN UNC Workgroups.

2.1. Intended Audience

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

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. The options have been documented for further discussion and clarification. All areas within the document are yet to be agreed and finalised.

All square brackets: **[]** represent areas for clarification which must be resolved by the Workgroup prior to the business rules being finalised.

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

3.3.2 Business Goals

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)

- Fewer Adhoc and Offline invoices and invoice items (8.1)
- Introduce an invoice pre-validation process (8.2)
- Flexibility to invoice Suppliers across a range of portfolios (8.3)
- Pricing module (8.4)
- Visibility of site consumption (8.5)
- Improved User pays and Ad-Hoc invoice backing data (8.6)
- The cessation of transportation capacity costs aligned with actual meter removal dates (8.7)

- Greater level of granularity in the supporting data for invoices (8.9)
- Internet access to the supporting data behind any of the transportation invoices (8.10)

3.4.2 Business Issues Raised during the Invoicing Workgroups

- Supporting data for the invoices does not always provide sufficient information, and at the appropriate level, to enable the charges to be validated
- Visibility of consumption data at Meter Point level for SSP is not currently available

3.4.3 UNC Impacts

3.4.4 UNC Process Impacts

3.4.5 Licence Impacts

3.5 Related Documents

Document Title	Location
PN UNC Workgroup	Joint Office Website

4. Benefits

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

4.1 Industry Benefits

4.2 Disadvantages

5. Change Scope

5.1 In Scope

Function:

- Transportation Invoices
- UNC User Pays invoices
- Level of detail contained in the invoice
- Mechanism for the issue and delivery of invoices
- Security
- Invoice content

Market Sector:

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

5.2 Out of Scope

Function:

- Date of issue of invoices
- Credit terms
- Energy balancing invoices
- Incentives and Liabilities
- Financial adjustment principles
- Charge types

Market Sector:

- None identified.

Detailed Requirements Analysis

6. Assumptions and Concerns

6.1 Assumptions

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

6.2 Dependencies

- Approval of the requirements by PN UNC
- Approval by Ofgem following the appropriate UNC Modification process

6.3 Risks/Issues

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

6.4 Constraints

7. Overview of Business Processes

7.1 Current Processes and Process Maps

7.2 To-Be Processes and Process Maps

8. Business Principles

8.1 General Invoicing Principles

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

These principles are only aspirations at present, which have been expressed by one or more stakeholders, and are not yet supported by the consensus of the Workgroup.

No.	Principle	Business Benefits
1	All supporting information, including Ad Hoc Invoices to be sent by electronic transfer. Elimination of spreadsheets as a supporting information format	Easier upload of data to Shippers' systems
2	All Ad Hoc Invoice supporting information to use a standard file format.	Ease of understanding of the file contents, quicker and easier upload into Shippers' validation systems
3	<p>Ability to segment invoices across different market sectors or between different Supplier IDs.</p> <p>"Market sectors" could include the existing D/I&C identifier or further detail, e.g. separate classification for SMEs or "Business Type", e.g. School, Brewery, Power Station</p> <p>Options for achieving this require further discussion, e.g.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional fields in the supporting information for all the necessary fields, to allow the file to be sorted/categorised as each Shipper chooses 2. Option to receive separate supporting information files, divided up based on the Shipper's chosen categorisation key 3. Option to receive multiple invoices per Transporter, divided up based on the Shipper's chosen categorisation key <p><i>Note: proposal to hold further detail within Market Sector Flag (MSF) or in a new Business Sector/Business Type indicator will need to be discussed under the Supply Point Register Topic</i></p>	Cost reporting can be aligned to a Shipper's individual internal business structure

No.	Principle	Business Benefits
4	All invoice supporting information to be produced at meter point level, including Capacity, Commodity, Reconciliation. Meter Point level is required, rather than Supply Point level.	This aids validation of charges and provides confidence on input costs, as well as allowing reporting by business department within Shipper organisations.
5	Internet access to Invoice Data <i>More information on the Requirements and Business Justification still required</i>	tbc
6	A more flexible pricing facility is required to allow the pricing functions to vary between Networks or LDZs, e.g. the use of powers or other factors in the charging formula	Flexibility for charging formulae to diverge between Networks/LDZs to better suit the different cost bases

9. Transitional Rules

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

10. Non-Functional Business Requirements

11. Appendices

12. Document Control

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