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Dear Colleague

This communication is to provide an update on the progress of the 2012 AUGS for 2013/14 methodology.

The methodology to estimate Unidentified Gas using consumption data and compare to the previous algorithm bias methodology is complete. Now that the issues identified with the consumption data LDZ sample have been resolved, we have proceeded with the request for the consumption data for the remaining LDZs from Xoserve as we anticipate that the consumption method will go forward as the method of estimating total Unidentified Gas.

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During validation of the theft split methodology using metered and unmetered consumption to determine market sector a problem with the estimation of theft into it's year of occurrence was detected. There is also a high consumption failure rate for theft affected sites so an alternative approach was required for sites where the consumption could not be calculated.

This unfortunately delayed the publication of the interim report planned for publication last week. The issues have now been resolved, however, further tests will need to be carried out before we update and publish the interim report. We will provide an update on the expected publication date of the report once these tests have concluded.

We recognise this will have potential knock-on effects in terms of the main 2<sup>nd</sup> draft AUGS and consultation periods and will be looking to minimise the impact on these and apologise for the delay.

Yours sincerely

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