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Dear Colleague

This letter provides an update of timescales for the consultation and approval of the 2nd draft AUGS published in December. An AUGS table for 2013/14 based on the figures from 2011/12 has already been published on 28th December as per AUGE Guidelines and feedback from the UNCC meeting on 20th December 2012.

Nonetheless, it is our intention to follow through the consultation and approval of the methodology developed in 2012 so that it forms the basis for next years AUGS (i.e. the 2013 AUGS for 2014/15). In this letter I will still refer to the methodology that is out for consultation as the 2012 2nd Draft AUGS for 2013/14.

You will also be aware of Mod 0442 which we are monitoring the progress of. As this is unlikely to be approved or rejected before the second half of February it has no impact on the short term consultation/approval process of the 2012 2nd Draft AUGS for 2013/14.

Regardless of the outcome of Mod 0442 the following activities will be carried out with the anticipated timelines:

2 nd draft consultation period	3 rd January 2013 – 1 st March 2013
Industry meeting to present AUGS	Late January/early February TBA
AUGE preparation of responses to issues raised	12 th March
UNCC approval of methodology	21 st March

There is a risk that we may need to obtain further data from Xoserve and/or carry out detailed investigations before responding fully to the consultation responses such that the preparation of responses could take longer than we have allowed for in the above. We will take a view on this once we have received responses from the code parties, but for now the above timelines are what we aim to work towards.

Once the outcome of Mod 442 has been determined we will act as directed by the UNCC.

2013 AUGS for 2014/15

The 2013 AUGS for 2014/15 will be published in May 2013 as per AUGE Guidelines and this will be based very much on the 2012 2nd draft AUGS for 2013/14 currently out for consultation. We are aware of Modifications 410/410A, 424, 425 and 429 which may or may not be implemented before or during the 2013/14 formula year and we may, therefore, need to update the methodology accordingly.

Note that if issues raised during the consultation of the 2012 2nd Draft AUGS for 2013/14 were of a material nature such that a further consultation was required (there is provision in the AUGE Guidelines to do this) the approval of the 2012 2nd Draft AUGS for 2013/14 may impact on the preparation of the 2013 AUGS for 2014/15. It may be the case that the 2012 document is then succeeded by the 2013 AUGS for 2014/15 and forms part of that consultation process. This is a hypothetical situation, however, and we will deal with it as best we can should it arise.

To be clear, the current situation is that an AUG table has been published using the figures from 2011 and that is the set of figures that will be used in 2013/14. The 2012 AUGS for 2013/14 will still go through consultation and approval regardless of what happens with Mod 0442. A new statement will be prepared for 2014/15.

Yours sincerely

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