Appendix

ScottishPower comments on 1st Draft of AUGS 2013/14 – Additional Submission

The undernoted table records Industry AQ Review performance levels over the Gas Years from 2007-2011.

AQ Performance Year	No. Of Meter Points LSP	% of AQs Updated	No. Of Meter Points SSP	% of AQs Updated			
2007	358,740	68%	17,559,109	79%			
2008	328,746	65%	18,088,731	81%			
2009	322,609	67%	18,373,665	82%			
2010	302,493	67%	18,748,122	83%			
2011	280,185	67%	19,183,868	85%			
2011	**280,185**	**79%**	**19,183,868**	**88%**	**(Dead and Extinct excluded)**		

Source: Xoserve AQ Presentations

In line with UNC obligations (Section M, 3.4 & 3.5) Shippers are required to provide meter reading in accordance with the undernoted performance levels:

Monthly Read Sites – not less frequently than once every 4 calendar months (90% of the number of Monthly Read Meters which are Relevant Supply Meters for the whole of the month)
Annual Read - not less frequently than once every 24 months subject to performance (70% required per annum), 90% within 2 years

Xoserve reported at the Distribution Workstream held on 26th April 2012 that meter reading performance statistics for the month of Jan 12 were as follows:

Monthly Read - 70.58% (Target 90%)
Meter Reads provide within 4 months – Industry total – 92.82%(Target 100%)

Annual Read – LSP - 89.87% (Target 70%)
Annual Read – SSP – 95.00% (Target 70%)

Some Shippers with a Monthly Read portfolio are not meeting UNC Obligations in relation to submitting valid meter readings in line with the required UNC performance levels. When a direct comparison is made against meter reading performance levels and level of AQ Review calculations, it is evident that a misalignment exists. Therefore the absence of meter readings is not the only factor which is preventing the AQ from re-calculating but other underlying factors must be contributing to the problem.

Xoserve produce periodic reports relating to AQ Review performance by market sector. These reports are produced following completion of the formal AQ Review process and AQ Trial Calculation. Reports include information on Meter Points which have been assigned to an “AQ Warnings Report”.

The undernoted is an extract from the LSP Warnings Report produced by Xoserve following the completion of the AQ Review Process for 2011. It was reported that 22% of LSP AQ amendments submitted related to meter points categorised as “Warnings”. Xoserve has reported that depending on the category and status of Meter Points held within the “Warning Reports”, that no energy will be deemed. However, for other categories, meter readings are available and are capable of producing a valid Provisional AQ calculation or AQ amendment. Gas may be consumed at these sites however the AQ and SOQ will not be revised to reflect the actual offtake. The SSP market sector will be allocated any misalignment in energy consumption against the static AQ held within the “Warnings Report”.

There is evidence that Shippers are not proactively managing meter points held within the Warning Reports and as such energy may not be deemed and allocated against the correct Shipper.

LSP Warnings Report

Total LSP Warnings Generated

	Warnings Generated	Total Amendments Received	Amendments Received for Warnings MPRNs	%
LSP	139,751	125,534	30,743	22.00%

Total LSP Warnings Generated (Dead, Extinct & Shipperless Removed)

	Warnings Generated	Total Amendments Received	Amendments Received for Warnings MPRNs	%
LSP	53,675	125,534	30,309	56.47%

Source: AQ Review Operational Report 2011

The undernoted is an extract from the AQ Trial Calculation 2012 Presentation which provides details of Meter Points held on the LSP Warnings Report that have a Registered Shipper User (RSU). A copy of the full presentation can be viewed under the AQ Review section on the Xoserve website.

Trial Calc 2012 - LSP Warnings by Meter Point Status

Reason	Total Count Of MPRNs	CA	CL	CU	DE	EX	IN	LI	OT	RE	SP	UN
AQ not calculated due to the absence of reads since the previous AQ calculation	26,320	57	9	4	363		31	25,836	1	10	8	1
AQ not calculated due to the application of backstop date	375				1			374				
Consumption gap. AQ not calculated	10,836	51	2	2	8		21	10,746		2	2	2
Consumption overlap. AQ not calculated	51							51				
Consumption starts before earliest possible start meter read date	6,716	41	2	3	35		15	6,614		5		1
Consumption starts more than three years before Target Opening Date	14							14				
Consumptions for Meter Point are not contiguous	1,073	1						1,072				
Insufficient Consumption Data to Calculate AQ	46,873	48	5	6	70	11	34	46,683	1	8	6	1
Meter Point not DM for whole of DM AQ Calculation Period. AQ not Calculated	3							3				
Meter Reading Frequency does not exist	1					1						
Negative consumption during metered period. AQ not calculated	4,774	7	1		11		2	4,752			1	
Reconnection Effective date is in the relevant metered period. AQ not calculated	1,918	153	1	6	336	2		1,420				
Supply Point History not contiguous over whole of relevant metered period	91						91					
Totals	**99,045**	**358**	**20**	**21**	**824**	**14**	**194**	**97,565**	**2**	**25**	**17**	**5**

We suggest that the AUGE undertake some detailed investigation to determine if this problem may be contributing to the level of unidentified gas and if an adjustment is required to correct any energy misallocation.