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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 first draft consultation period closed on 15th June with responses from Scottish and Southern Energy, British Gas, Scottishpower, Energy UK on behalf of a number of shippers and ICoSS on behalf of a number of shippers. Some of the issues raised had previously been clarified at the UNCC (AUGE) meeting on May 22nd and there were a number of new items.

Following the UNCC (AUGE) Meeting on 22nd May, the AUGE has concentrated effort on the consumption data analysis and obtaining additional information to revisit the theft split part of the methodology. These two items are key elements of the estimation and apportionment of Unidentified Gas.

Consumption data was received on 11th June and consists of approximately 18 million readings for the initial LDZ. Data has been imported to a database for validation and processing. During the validation some issues have arisen and have been raised with Xoserve to clarify/resolve. This included issues like duplicate meter reads, multiple reads for the same meter but in both imperial and metric units, and situations where the consumption is incorrect due to being multiplied by a factor where it should not be. An updated set of data was received on 4th July and this is currently being re-imported and validated before the remaining analysis can continue. .

Additional data relating to theft was requested and received on 18th June. This includes meter reads for sites that have been affected by theft, and associated data that we required in order to calculate a new AQ based on metered and unmetered demand.

We were going to include an information request from the Shippers regarding theft in this letter, however, there are some points of clarification that we need to address first so that we do not waste your time/effort on unnecessary requests. Our intention is to follow this up shortly.

During the consultation process a concern was raised about access to the calculations/data used in the methodology. For the 2011 AUGS for 2012/13 all data/calculations and worked examples had been uploaded to UK-Link during preparation of the methodology in 2011.

They can be found on UK-Link under item "22. MOD229 AUGE Data Provision" which contains the data provided by Xoserve to the AUGE. The calculations and worked examples can then be found under item "14. AUGS Calculations".

At the UNCC (AUGE) meeting on 22nd May a request for the data behind the charts that show changes in AQ using mod 81 data. A spreadsheet has been posted alongside this letter containing the data and the charts showing how the data is used. As we now have data up to and including 2011 this data has also been added to the charts.

As noted above our priority is the analysis of the consumption data and to revisit the theft split data, although other work is progressing on the issues outlined in the first draft AUGS for 2013/14 (this includes new/lost sites, AQ=1, WCF affected UG and change in basis for seasonal normal adjustments from 2010).

At this point in time having just received the latest set of consumption data it is unlikely that the analysis of this data will have progressed to a point that we can publish our findings in the 2nd draft 2012 AUGS for 2013/14 for 31st July.

We are currently evaluating the work involved to complete this and the additional investigations raised during the first draft consultation period with the intention of updating the UNCC meeting in July on progress and the proposed plan going forward. We will also arrange a meeting to discuss the responses and clarifications to the first draft consultation either as part of the UNCC meeting in July or on a separate date.

Yours sincerely

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