

**Distribution Workgroup Report**  
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**For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters**

**Date referred from Panel:** 20 February 2014

**Background**

Please refer to [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0451](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0451)

The UNC modification rules require that where an urgent modification is implemented it should be considered whether the subject matter of the modification should be referred to a workgroup for further analysis.

Following consideration of the Authority's decision letter, the Modification Panel determined that the subject matter for Modification 0451AV should be considered by a Workgroup or other relevant group(s) as set out below under issues to be discussed.

**Issues to be discussed**

The Distribution Workgroup was requested to consider the following issues by the Modification Panel.

1. Distribution Workgroup

The Distribution Workgroup and/or an appropriate operational forum is to consider whether there is an issue concerning the validation of the Pre Payment Meter flag and the potential impacts on the implementation and operation of Modification 0451AV:

- Review the validation and use of the Pre Payment Meter Flag;
- Consider potential solutions;
- Provide recommendations by the May Panel, including consideration of modifications and/or changes to operational process required to improve the accuracy of data associated with the Pre Payment Meter flag.

2. Distribution Workgroup

The Distribution Workgroup is requested to consider the current implementation issues for Modification 0451AV, including:

- Consider the implications of billing of sites between the implementation date of 01 February 2014 and the implementation of appropriate billing tools;

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- How to apply the Pre Payment Meter profile to sites from 01 February 2014;
- Provide a report by the May Panel.

## Distribution Workgroup Conclusion

### 1. Pre-payment Meter Flag

Meter mechanism codes were considered and the Workgroup has concluded that the values that are considered allowable to denote a prepayment meter are: PP; ET. Meter mechanisms that denote a Smart meter is present and capable of operating in prepayment are NS; S1; S2.

Action is closed as no additional analysis is required.

Allowable Meter Mechanism Codes	
PP	Prepayment
ET	Electronic Token
S1	SMETS 1 Compliant SMART Meter
S2	SMETS 2 Compliant SMART Meter
NS	Non-Compliant SMETS SMART meter

### 2. Implementation Issues

Workgroup participants note that it was understood that the system solution would be available after the actual implementation date of the modification and that this period is to be billed once the solution is in place.

Precedents are available whereby interim arrangements are established ahead of systems completion. Transitional text is therefore not believed to be required.

Xoserve have written to UK Link Committee Members and Operational Contacts in Shippers to detail how they should be providing data related to Smart Meters acting in prepayment mode. Some portfolios have been provided and this data is being stored ready for the implementation of the system solution.

**Interim Period:**

There will be no adjustments made until such time as the system is available, then there will be a catch-up where reconciliations will be applied.

**Catch-up Process:**

- Data provided by shippers is being stored
- Once system is available, this data will be applied using the alternative profile and updated monthly invoices generated