

# MOD516 GDN Letter to Industry

## Modification

MOD516 was raised by Wingas to facilitate provision of information from Shippers to Transporters (excluding NTS) in regards to specific site characteristics during emergencies. To enable this, the Shipper on behalf of the customer will submit a formal request to the Transporter to join the register and provide justification and independent information for this request as part of the submission.

## Progress to Date

The modification was developed through workgroup, including the provision of legal text, and sent for Panel determination on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The Panel voted in favour of the modification being implemented. However, during the development of the modification it was judged most efficient to draft legal text based on a post Project Nexus implementation as this was due in October 2015. Since the drafting of text however, this date has now moved meaning that the mod in its current form can only be implemented once Project Nexus is in place and the UNC has been updated to reflect this.

Transporters have discussed this and noted that there are 3 options for resolution:

1. Delay implementation of MOD516 until after Project Nexus implementation
2. Raise a fast track UNC modification to update transitional legal text in order to implement the modification from this year
3. Implement unofficial arrangements for 2015 to enable the desired information provision and implement the modification into the UNC following Project Nexus implementation

In an effort to minimise industry and governance impact we propose to implement the unofficial arrangements in Option 3 for 2015 with the modification officially implemented in line with Project Nexus implementation in 2016.

## Arrangements

Shippers will be able to submit site characteristic details for sites fulfilling the Daily Read Requirement as set out in UNC TPD G 1.5.2 (Sites with an Annual Quantity greater than 58,600,000 kWh (2,000,000 therms)) and who can demonstrate through independent analysis that they will suffer damage or cause a hazard specifying time and financial cost to replace equipment. Submissions shall be made to the relevant Transporter between 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to be included on the register for the 2015/16 Gas Year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

Each submission to join the Site Characteristics Register shall be using the attached Submission Template and must set out:

- a. Name of the customer
- b. Applicable Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN)
- c. End user emergency contact details to be used during an emergency with sufficient backup emergency contact details as defined under UNC TPD Section Q.
- d. Preferred shutdown timescales and preferred gas needs during that shutdown process.
- e. Detailed and independent justification for the submission, including details on the likely damage (including cost) a site may incur or the hazards that may be caused if they are required to shut-down immediately.
- f. The Gas Year (or part thereof) the submission is intended for.

Transporters will respond by 31<sup>st</sup> October either requesting further information or accepting/rejecting the submission. Any response will contain the following information:

- a. Name of the customer.
- b. Applicable MPRN.
- c. Whether the site's information has been placed onto the register.
- d. Whether it require any further information.
- e. The period the Supply Meter Point will be present on the register

**PLEASE NOTE – Providing information to the Transporter will not necessarily mean that a customer will be treated differently to any other customer during an emergency.**

**Next Steps**

Transporters will circulate relevant contact details for submissions by 30<sup>th</sup> July