

Performance Assurance Workgroup

Modification 0506/A Workgroup

Answers to actions:

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1. **0506 0303:** Xoserve (AM) to look to provide examples of the various Xoserve Charge Out Rates

The action stemmed from discussions regarding the provision of quotations for work and some workgroup members views that some sort of budgeting arrangement would be in operation. Xoserve were asked to provide information on day/hour rates for different staff levels.

Having reviewed the matter, Xoserve does not consider that it can provide this information to the workgroup. Xoserve offers a number of commercial services to third parties and can bid for other commercial services. Xoserve considers that the information requested is commercially confidential and that to provide this information may negatively impact Xoserve's business. As mentioned a number of times at the workgroup meetings, modification 506A processes provide for a service request, quotation and acceptance process. The Performance Assurance Committee would have full visibility of the services quotation before accepting the service and associated costs.

2. **0506 0401** EL to report what is the current process internally within Xoserve surrounding the provision of anonymised data to the AUGE.

Xoserve understands that the obligation to provide data to the AUGE comes from the UNC and AUGE Guidelines document section 6.2.

The AUGE generally requests data by meter point in order to undertake its analysis work. The meter point related data provided to the AUGE always excludes the meter point reference number and address. A new unique reference number has been created for each meter point, this new number is maintained for the data provided year on year to enable the AUGE to undertake trend based analysis etc. The real meter point reference number and address is not provided to the AUGE.

If there is any doubt regarding the provision of data to the AUGE, Xoserve seeks advice and guidance from the Gas Transporters

3. **0506 0402** EL to investigate the implications of User Pays and Xoserve's tendering process in relation to PAFA.

If the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator (PAFA) services are to be funded via the User Pays mechanism then the provision of this service needs to be set as an obligation on the Gas Transporters and then for this to be discharged through Xoserve (the Transporter Agency). As a User Pays service it would be described as a Code service in Appendix 1 of the Agency Charging Statement.

In the event that Xoserve is required to tender for the PAFA services Xoserve would not be able to submit a bid for the PAFA services.

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