

0468:

Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas Transporters

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The modification requires Gas Transporters to populate the Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) into the address data set.



The Workgroup recommends that this modification be returned to Workgroup for further assessment.



High Impact:
None



Medium Impact:
Gas Transporters & Gas Shippers



Low Impact:
None

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About this document:		
This report will be presented to the panel on 19 November 2015.		
The panel will consider whether the modification should proceed to consultation or be returned to the workgroup for further assessment.		
The Workgroup recommends the following timetable:		
Initial consideration by Workgroup	08 November 2013	
Interim Workgroup Report presented to Panel	21 May 2015	
Interim Workgroup Report presented to Panel	19 November 2015	
Amended Modification considered by Workgroup	TBA	
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	17 March 2016	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	17 March 2016	
Consultation Close-out for representations	12 April 2016	
Final Modification Report published for Panel	13 April 2016	
UNC Modification Panel decision	21 April 2016	

1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The modification is not proposed to be self governance as it will have impacts on both Gas Transporters and Shippers systems.

Why Change?

Many energy policies are being introduced which relate to the “premise” rather than to a specific customer and there is not a reliable and consistent mechanism which uniquely identifies the premises that will support future policy delivery.

Solution

The Gas Transporters will be required to populate the UPRN within the premise level details of the MPRN when it is created, before it is issued to a market participant. Detailed business rules should be developed by a Workgroup.

Relevant Objectives

Implementation of this proposal will facilitate Relevant Objective C – “the efficient discharge of the licensee’s obligation”. By including a unique premise reference number to the address data it will deliver the unique and accurate address requirement of the Gas Transporters’ Standard Licence Condition 31.3a(iii).

Implementation

An implementation date has not been identified, as system impacts have yet to be fully considered, however changes to facilitate the rollout of smart metering have already considered the requirements to populate the UPRN and have ensured that new smart metering flows are sufficiently flexible to accommodate the transferring of the data between parties once the data item is held by gas transporters.

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

No impact as this modification is expected to be implemented after the Project Nexus.

2 Why Change?

DECC has considered the definition of customer premises within the context of a number of energy initiatives. For example the Green Deal and the Smart Metering programme which will see the installation of multiple devices at a customers’ premises, however there is no standard definition of a customer premise within the Network Code. The standard approach to reference a premise, is to use the property address, however the address starts life generally as a plot reference which is then subject to future updates by property developers, the post office, local authorities and customers; unfortunately gas transporter systems are not always updated in a timely manner. Problems arise when trying to match addresses in different systems when there is no unique reference to a premise which different market participants can rely on.

Furthermore in the context of Smart Metering Rollout, DECC have considered that the use of the UPRN will facilitate improved premise recognition by introducing a single unique reference number related to the premise as opposed to the mixture of meter and premises definitions currently used, this will also assist in more accurate address population across the energy industry. DECC would like to see Gas Transporters

and Electricity Distribution Network Operators hold the UPRN which will allow spatial referencing of premises and will tie electricity MPANs and gas MPRNs together to improve data quality.

3 Solution

Gas Transporters will be required to include the UPRN as part of the premise address details for each supply point. (For the avoidance of doubt this includes all currently connected premises as well as all future connected premises.)

Detailed business rules will need to be developed to determine how the UPRN is populated and communicated as well as where it is included in the premise details within UK Link systems and files.

User Pays	
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.	It is envisaged that changes to the Transporter computer systems will be required, which makes this a User Pays modification, however as this facilitates the delivery of the transporter licence conditions, the proposer believes the funding of this should be met in full by the Gas Transporters.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.	Fully funded by gas transporters on the basis that address details are within the ownership of the gas transporters and the solution improves the licence requirements for a unique and accurate address provision.
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.	Not applicable
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.	Not applicable

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	Positive
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers;	None

(ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	None
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

Standard Licence Condition 31 – Supply Point Information Service

SLC 31.3 a (iii) requires that the Supply Point Information Service hold and maintains a “unique and accurate address of each premises” – by holding the UPRN, it will enhance the information being held on the Supply Point Information Service by using a truly unique identifier for a single premise rather than using the triangulation of multiple data items to define a single point.

5 Implementation

The Workgroup has not proposed a timescale for implementation of this modification, but would suggest that it is implemented at the earliest practical opportunity.

6 Impacts

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This modification would not impact a Significant Code Review or significant industry change project as it is proposed to implement this modification after Project Nexus implementation.

7 Legal Text

While the Proposer is welcome to put forward suggested legal text, formal legal text and commentary will be provided by the Transporters when requested to do so by the Modification Panel.

If this is a proposed Fast Track Self-Governance modification then legal drafting and commentary must be provided.

Text Commentary

In support of the legal text provided, the legal representative shall provide a plain English explanatory note setting out the approach taken to converting the Solution into legal text, illustrating how the legal text delivers the intent of the Solution.

Insert text here

Text

The following Text has been prepared by X, and no issues were raised by the Workgroup regarding its content.

or

Text was not available for Workgroup assessment. However Text has been provided as a separate document published alongside this report.

or

The following Text has been prepared by X at the request of the Modification Panel.

8 Recommendation

The Workgroup invites the Panel to:

- AGREE that this modification should be returned to Workgroup for further assessment.

The workgroup notes that the Dual Fuel Data Quality working group chaired by Elexon is proposing to present its final report to the Modification Panel at the November meeting. This report has considered the use of UPRNs on an industry basis and made a number of recommendations, although it is understood that there is no clear consensus for its adoption. The proposer has requested that assessment of this modification is deferred until Ofgem have reviewed the Data Quality report as they may provide guidance for further its development.

The proposer anticipates submitting an amended modification during January 2016, with a Workgroup being presented to the March Panel.