

Representation – Urgent Modification 0573

Project Nexus – deferral of implementation of elements of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements

Responses invited by: **16 February 2016**

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Date of Representation:	16 February 2016
Support or oppose implementation?	Support
Relevant Objective:	f) Positive

Reason for support/opposition: Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s)

Project Nexus is the biggest IT change for the industry in recent times and in an effort to streamline other industry changes such as Smart Metering, a number of additional changes were proposed to coincide with it, such as those in Mod 0434. This Mod was developed so that requirements could be introduced that recognised changes to metering arrangements rather than retrofitting changes to accommodate smart metering at a later date, however, it was complimentary to the main Project Nexus delivery. As with any project of this size and scale, events can happen that will require a re-evaluation of project deliverables, and decisions may need to be made to either incur more costs through adding more resource and extending timelines or by amending the scope and removing any non-core work streams. The sooner these considerations are made, the easier it is to assess the impacts and solutions that will cause the least harm to the overall project and to the cost. In this particular case, the de-scoping of the RAASP elements of Mod 0434 for 12 months beyond the main Project Nexus delivery was unanimously considered the most appropriate course of action by the PNSG, a group made up from all industry parties. The deferral of RAASP will help maintain the stability of delivering the core Project Nexus solution.

Implementation: *What lead-time do you wish to see prior to implementation and why?*

We agree with the proposer that the modification be implemented and effective by 1 October 2016.

Impacts and Costs: *What analysis, development and ongoing costs would you face?*

SGN will face additional costs both internally and from Xoserve due to the deferral of the implementation date.

Legal Text: *Are you satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the Solution?*

Yes

Are there any errors or omissions in this Modification that you think should be taken into account? *Include details of any impacts/costs to your organisation that are directly related to this.*

No

Please provide below any additional analysis or information to support your representation

N/A