

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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| Organisation: | National Grid NTS |
| Date of Representation: | 16 th February 2016 |
| Support or oppose implementation? | Support |
| Relevant Objective: | f) Positive |

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

National Grid NTS notes that this Proposal seeks to ensure alignment of UNC provisions with the unanimous vote of industry representative Project Nexus Steering Group (PNSG) to defer implementation of a system solution for the Retrospective Asset, Address and Supply Point aspects of Modification 0434 from its planned implementation date of 1st October 2016. Given that this decision is endorsed by PNSG on the basis that it increases the likelihood of meeting the implementation date of 1st October 2016 for the remaining aspects of Project Nexus, National Grid NTS agrees that implementation of this Proposal would better facilitate the relevant objective of 'Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code'.

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

National Grid NTS recognises the benefits of providing timely certainty to industry stakeholders as to the scope of new UK Link system functionality available from 1st October 2016 and equally as important, the scope of new UK Link functionality which will *not* be available from this date. From this perspective, early implementation of this Modification would provide contractual certainty for all UNC parties.

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

It is highly probable that National Grid NTS will be exposed to a level of additional costs. These will be incurred as a consequence of the need for an extended system development programme to deliver a solution for the Retrospective Asset, Address and Supply Point aspects of Modification 0434 by 1st October 2017 and potentially incremental costs associated with any interim arrangements. At this stage National Grid NTS has not fully assessed or determined the level of such additional costs.

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

National Grid NTS is satisfied that the legal text delivers the intent of the solution advocated by this Modification Proposal.

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.*

National Grid NTS has not identified any such errors or omissions.

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

N/A