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PN UNC Workgroup (AQ topic)

BTU process
Meeting 4, 3rd August 2011



BTU Form

- Currently has 3 specific uses (G1.6.13);
 1. Manifest Change: AQ change due to “change in Consumer plant resulting in the basis on which gas is consumed”
 2. New Business Appeal: New Supplier believes the AQ to be significantly inaccurate & reads are unavailable, in which case UNC Annex G3 AQ values are adopted
 3. Mod99: New Supplier knows AQ is incorrect. Applies where the AQ is above 253,000 kWh but looking to reduce to below the SSP threshold (73,200 kWh)
- The BTU form should not be used;
 - Where premises are vacant to reduce an AQ quicker than would be achieved by submitting reads.
 - To change the AQ in circumstances where there has been no change in plant or the basis on which gas is consumed

Submission of BTU Form

- The form includes the following information;
 - Shipper
 - MPRN
 - Meter Serial No.
 - Premise address
 - Reason for submission of BTU form
 - Nature & type of business
 - List of appliances, type, number & input rating (kWh)
 - Appliance usage in hours per day/days per week
 - Estimated AQ
 - Customer signature
 - Shipper representative signature

Validation of the BTU Form

- For a New Business Appeal the form must be submitted between D-7 and D+23 of the Confirmation Effective date.
- Mod99 Appeal; if AQ below 253,000 kWh the appeal will be rejected
- Manifest Error Appeal; Appeal accepted where;
 - Sites usage has changed
 - Site has had a variety of new (gas) appliances fitted or removed
 - Sites daily working hours or product line has changed considerably
- As with normal appeals the BTU form only used for MPR's moving from SSP to LSP, LSP to SSP or LSP to LSP, i.e. not SSP to SSP



BTU Form Accepted

- Once the BTU Form is validated & accepted;
 - An email is issued to the Shipper advising of acceptance
 - Shipper submits a ‘normal’ AQ Appeal which will provide Shipper with a unique reference
 - Shipper submits a Nomination to amend AQ, AQ Appeal reference must be populated for AQ to be accepted

New BTU Form Strawman

- AQ Correction process can be used;
 - For any site and at any time where;
 - the Shippers reasonable estimate of the AQ will/has substantially increase or decrease (does this need to be quantified?)
 - for previously failed AQ calculations where the AQ has exceeded a tolerance (market breakers)
 - on the basis of substantial evidence as to the actual consumption of gas, this could be a New Business Appeal
 - because of a change in the Consumer's Plant which results in a change in the basis on which gas is consumed
 - where there has been a confirmed theft of gas incident
 - Shippers will record & retain evidence [& make available when requested]
 - For an accepted AQ Correction the Meter Point will be included in the next Monthly AQ review timescales.



Issues

- At what stage should the AQ Referral to DN' s be carried out?
- Possible this process may significantly increase the number of AQ 'appeals'
 - Open to any site & at any time
 - Open to abuse?
- A manual process will be required to validate the information provided/requested
 - Audit trail?