On 15 Jan 2010, at 16:12, .Box.UKLINK.Manual wrote:

Subject: CB/942/LP - Change 2 of 2 - Re-issue of Note CB/941/LP - UKL1172 Action - DME Notification + Transfer Read Processing

Colleague,

Please find attached a note issued outside of the UK Link Change Pack on Wednesday 13th January. This note was issued to enable discussion at the January UK Link Committee on a further option identified for the notification to the incoming user where previously the meter point had been an Elected Daily Metered site (DME).

 xoserve believes that the option detailed below is the favourable option, as this limits the impact upon Users not wishing to participate in the DME regime.

Following the discussion at the Committee, xoserve were asked to reissue this notification as part of the Change Pack to ensure the widest distribution.

User comments are requested upon this matter to uklink@xoserve.com by 29th January 2010.

Regards,

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Colleague,

Thanks to all who provided responses to the solution options presented for Incoming Shipper DM Elective Notification, based on the responses and following further investigation an additional option has been identified that should satisfy shippers requirements:

5. TRF File - Issued at D-7 to the incoming shipper. For a site transferring DMM/V/DME - NDM, the DATALOGGER_SERIAL_NUMBER in the S75 record will be populated with the outgoing shippers datalogger details, for a DME site this will be populated with 'DME001*' and for a DMM/V site this will be populated with the actual datalogger serial number or if not available a dummy reference 'ABC001*'

TBC following technical analysis

Option benefits to shippers:

• TRF file issued at D-7, providing suitable notification.
• Utilisation of existing file with no change to file format.
• Zero cost associated with option.
• Incoming shippers will be able to utilise this field to see if it is populated and identify that a site was previously DMM/V/DME and therefore will know their requirement for the Transfer Read process.

xoserve believe that the above option is the best solution to provide pre-notification and minimise impacts to non-participating shippers, approval is sought on this option in order to proceed with design, could you please review the new proposed option and confirm approval by 28th January 2010.

xoserve are in the process of baselining the Transfer Read requirements following detailed analysis, upon completion xoserve will issue the detail of the requirements and arrange a session to step through the requirements in detail. xoserve recommend that this is attended by both DME participating and no-participating shippers as the revised Transfer Read process will have impacts to all parties for switches between DMM/V/DME - NDM and visa versa.

If you require any further information please feel free to contact the Project Manager for this change Lorraine Cave on 0121 623 2728 or alternatively Lewis Plummer on 0121 623 2649.

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Impacts to Non-DME Shippers The DM Elective change is intended to have minimal impacts on Shippers not wishing to participate in the DM Elective regime, files that will be impacted are:

NMR – Following submission of an enquiry file if a site is currently DM Elective then the S75 record will be returned with the GNT code populated as 'DME'.

N.B The S75 record returned in the Nomination Response (NMR) and the Confirmation Response (CFR) files will provide the requested GNT code of the Nominated/Confirmed site.

Incoming Shipper DM Elective Notification Following presentation of the DM Elective file formats at UK Link Committee meeting in April 2009 xoserve were asked to consider options for notifying incoming Shippers that a site was previously DM Elective, the files exchanged around transfer will have amended timings. When a site is transferring DME – NDM the incoming Shipper is responsible for providing the Transfer Read.

Currently where a site transfers NDM - DM if the closing and opening reads do not match then xoserve manually assess the difference in consumption and adjust manually, with the introduction of DM Elective the frequency of transfers between DME - NDM is expected to increase and therefore the manual workaround is no longer viable. xoserve are proposing to make the following change to the Transfer Read process to automate:

Outgoing Shipper – DME

• On Confirmation Effective Date the outgoing DME Shipper is not required to provide a daily read.
• xoserve will load a D-7 Estimate and this will be used as the closing read for the DM Elective Shipper.
• The closing Estimated read will be notified to the outgoing Shipper in the MDE file, this will be issued on the Confirmation Effective Date.
• Any Actual readings should be maintained by the outgoing Shipper to be considered if necessary as part of the Agreed Reading process.
Incoming Shipper – NDM

• xoserve will issue an Estimated opening read based on the DME profile to the incoming Shipper on Confirmation Effective Date via an MBR file.
• If the incoming Shipper does not agree with the Estimated opening read they can send a replacement opening read upon agreement with the outgoing Shipper.

Based on the above, Shippers requested that the incoming Shipper received notification that an outgoing site was previously DME to understand their requirements in relation to the Transfer Read process

xoserve are proposing that the following four solution options are considered to provide notification to Shippers that a site was previously DM Elective, options 3 and 4 potentially have a cost associated but require further analysis if either is selected.

1. Enquiry File - Utilise the existing enquiry file, Shipper submits an enquiry file for the site they are wishing to takeover, the S75 record returned will specify the current GNT code of the site, DM Elective if applicable.

2.MRI File – Issued at D-7 to the incoming Shipper the MRI file could include the value 'DME' at the start of an existing field 'METER_INSTRUCTIONS'. The filed would also contain any further instructions that were applicable to the site.

3.TRF File – Issued at D-7 to the incoming Shipper a new child record could be created to provide notification that a site was previously DM Elective.

4.IAD M Number Information Service Screen – Add a new field to the M Number Information Service screen to signify that a site is currently DM Elective. With regards to this option there are potentially some issues around the sensitivity of openly stating that a site is DM Elective, this needs to be considered when assessing this as

a viable option.

For an overview of the Transfer Read process between DME - NDM please refer to slide 35 in the presentation titled "UK Link Implementation Summary & Overview of Solution Options" presented at the April 2009 UK Link Committee meeting. xoserve would like to invite Shippers to comment on the detailed solution options and request that all comments be received by close of play 28th December 2009.

If a further session is required to run through the Transfer Read scenarios in more detail xoserve will be happy to facilitate a workshop for all interested parties, if you feel this is required can you please confirm by 28th December 2009 and a session will be arranged in January 2010.

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