

PNUNC AMR Detailed Requirements Workgroup

Mod 0224 - DM Elective Regime Business Rules

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Reason for Modification

- Mod raised in September 2008
- Proposal seeks to facilitate the use of AMR equipment in the Daily Metered Elective regime
- Shippers may elect, on a voluntary basis, to use their own AMR equipment to supply daily meter readings
- The Meter Readings will be used by the GTs for balancing & settlement purposes
- Modification assumes that AMR applies to all Meter Points with an AQ above 732,000 kWh
- Until implementation of the Mod a NDM LSP can be nominated as DM but is subject to the DM service provision by the DMSP
- Mod approved by Ofgem in August 2009 & due to be implemented in November 2010

Summary of DME Business Rules

- Following taken from Final Mod report V4.0 24/07/2009
- Phased implementation
 - Phase 1 - Supply Points whose AQ is > 5,860,000 kWh
 - Phase 2 - Supply Points whose AQ is > 2,196,000 kWh (12 months after phase 1)
 - Phase 3 - Supply Points whose AQ is > 732,000 kWh (6 months after phase 2)
- An initial limit of 25,000 Meter Points can be nominated as DME
- For phase 1 & 2; where the AQ falls below the threshold during the roll out phase the site will remain as DME
- Where re-nominated as NDM the site can not be re-nominated as DME until the new EUC band is included in a following phase.

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Eligibility for DM Elective
 - Large Supply Points whose Meter Point AQ is greater than 732,000 kWh
 - Shall not include DM Mandatory sites (Supply Point AQ greater than 5,860,000 kWh & Meter Point AQ greater than 2,196,000 kWh)
 - Where a DME site breaches the DM Mandatory threshold the site must be re-confirmed as DM mandatory
 - Shall not include Interruptible Supply Points or Unique Sites
 - Shall not apply to CSEPs
 - AQ & EUC band information can be obtained via the 'Enquiry File'.
 - The Enquiry file will show if a site is currently DME via the GNT code

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Registration as DM Elective
 - Shippers submit Nomination & Confirmation files to register the Supply Point as DME
 - The Supply Point will be registered & identifiable as DME on the Supply Point Register (UKLink)
 - The data requirements for DM Supply Points will apply to DME; SOQ & SHQ which will be subject to DM validation rules
 - A 'Referral' will only be required where the DME SOQ and/or SHQ has increased
 - The BSSOQ will be populated for DME Supply Points in line with the current process for DM (following the first winter as DME)
 - Where a BSSOQ already exists this value will be utilised
 - When Nominated as a DME it will be assumed that equipment capable of providing daily reads is present at the meter point from the Confirmation Effective Date (validation will not be carried out)
 - GT will not be required to keep or maintain records of the daily read equipment

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Read Provision
 - Shippers submit the daily readings to the GT by a deadline each day. Files received after the deadline will be processed the following day
 - Reads will be treated as actual readings & subject to the prevailing DM validation rules.
 - Validation will apply sense checks i.e. Shipper supplying the read is the Registered User & the reading has the correct number of digits.
 - Zero consumptions will not be subject to validation, these will be accepted based on the Shipper completing validation prior to submission and deeming that the zero consumption is valid.
 - Shipper will be notified of any reads that failed validation on the day the read was processed
 - Where a valid read is not provided for the day an estimate read will be calculated & loaded by the GT, the estimate will be provided to the Shipper
 - The existing DM read estimation process will be used for DME; D-7 or AQ/365
 - The estimated read service will be subject to an incentive charge where performance targets are not achieved

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Replacement Reads
 - Actual reads may be submitted by the Shipper up to D+5 to replace an estimate as per current DM rules
 - Once an actual read has been accepted this can not be subsequently changed, the volume can be amended via a Consumption Adjustment, as per current DM rules.
 - Any actual reads or Consumption Adjustments received after D+5 will be rejected

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

■ Shipper Transfer

- The incoming Shipper of the DME Supply Point will provide an opening read to the GT by 10am on the day of transfer.
- An estimated opening read will be generated by the GT when the Incoming Shipper is unable to provide the read on transfer day
- The transfer read will be provided to the outgoing Shipper by the GT
- The estimated opening meter read will not be subject to an incentive charge
- The Incoming Shipper will have access to the outgoing Supplier ID at point of transfer (Confirmation)
- The Incoming Shipper should request historic consumption data from the customer
- The Incoming Shipper may elect the Supply Point to be NDM
- If a Replacement meter reading is provided by D+5 there is no requirement for the Incoming Shipper to gain agreement from the Outgoing Shipper. If provided after D+5 the Shipper Agreed Reads process to be followed.

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Reconciliation & Resynchronisation
 - GT to be notified on the day the Resynch has been carried out
 - The Resynch readings shall be validated by the Shipper prior to submission to the GT.
 - The reads will be subject to sense checks only
 - Resynch readings can be submitted upto D+5
 - Where the Reconciliation quantity for a Meter Point is less than a set value these will be rolled over to the next reconciliation. The values are determined by the Meter Points previous EUC band
 - E.g. 732,001 – 2,196,000 kWh the Rollover Rec value = 10,000 kWh
- Check Readings & Meter Inspections
 - Check Readings & Meter Inspections will continue in line with existing obligations
 - Where a Check Read is provided it will close out the period from the previous Check Reading for the purposes of Reconciliation
 - Shippers will be notified when the Annual Check Read & Meter Inspection visit is due

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Datalogger Faults
 - Shipper will notify the GT on the day they become aware of the fault.
 - This will be recorded so that any reads submitted while the equipment is faulty will be rejected & replaced by an estimate
 - The Shipper will notify the GT when the datalogger fault has been fixed & carry out a Resynchronisation
- Ratchets
 - Ratchet charges will not be applied for a DME Meter Point until the initial 12 month anniversary as a DME
 - The Shipper will be notified when the Nominated DMSOQ is equal to or higher than the previous NDM SOQ
 - The SOQ will be increased in line with the Ratcheted SOQ
 - After the 12 month anniversary ratchet charges will be applied
 - The 12 month soft landing will not apply if the site was previously a DM
 - Ratchet charges will be applied according to the current UNC provisions

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- Changes to Classifications
 - Where a DM Mandatory Meter Point no longer meets the criteria the Shipper may elect to Re-Confirm as DME (or DM Voluntary)
 - Where a DME Meter Point meets the criteria of DM Mandatory the Shipper must Re-Confirm as DM Mandatory
 - Where a DM Voluntary Meter Point is Nominated as DME any future changes back to DM Mandatory or DM Voluntary will incur the relevant charges from the DMSP
 - For the purposes of “gas protected by monitor” calculations, volumes associated with DME load should be treated the same as NDM loads

Summary of DME Business Rules cont.

- General Business Requirements
 - Energy from DME reads will be passed to settlement & energy balancing as per the existing DM regime
 - DME related information, such as IDC identity will not be visible on IAD
 - DME related information will not be provided to the incoming Shipper at transfer