

Variation Request

0580 - Implementation of Non Effective Days to enable Annual AQ Review (independent of Nexus transition)

Date: 11 July 2016

The Proposer, SGN, requests a variation to this modification, pursuant to UNC Modification Rules Section 6.5.1(c) of the UNC.

Reason for Variation

The modification requires variation to the Solution, to amend the requested non-effective days from seven to four.

The first draft of the modification requested four non-effective days, as this is the period required for the AQ data to be processed. However, following discussion with the workgroup, it was agreed that, due to the concurrence with non-effective days requested under modification 0532 "*Implementation of Non Effective Days (Project Nexus Transitional modification)*", it would be better to keep the arrangements between both modifications consistent, and therefore 0580 was amended to reflect seven days. While the non-effective days would occur concurrently, modification 0580 was linked, but not dependent, upon modification 0532 as the non-effective days under modification 0580 were required irrespective of those under 0532.

Given the non-implementation of modification 0532, the non-effective days no longer run concurrently (a period of non-effective days under 0580 is still required, however no non-effective days will occur as a result of 0532), and therefore the number of days requested under 0580 has been reviewed and reduced to the minimum required period of four.

Variation of modification 0580 is therefore required to refer back to the original drafting, which requested four non-effective days. Furthermore, variation is required to remove any reference to Project Nexus modifications, as they are no longer relevant to modification 0580.

Variation of modification 0580 in this manner was agreed with the Project Nexus Workgroup on 10th May as an appropriate approach (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0580/100516>)

Nature of Variation

Amendment to Solution section within modification, and amendment to legal text drafting as follows:

Solution

In order to provide sufficient time to process the large volumes of data, ~~four~~seven Non Effective days are required. This modification proposes that ~~seven~~four Non Effective Days are introduced between ~~24th~~-~~27th~~ – 30th September 2016. Following industry discussion, it has been agreed that ~~seven~~four Non Effective Days are required as this is the minimum period required to process the required data.

~~*reflects the arrangements under Modification 0432 “Implementation of Non Effective Days (Project Nexus Transitional modification)”, and therefore provides Shipper Users with increased certainty when engaging with customers and arranging contract commencement dates. It has been agreed that a stable position of seven Non Effective Days would minimize the risks of any issues being encountered during registration activities, thus ensuring that the customer experience is maintained positively.*~~

The effect of the Non Effective days will primarily bring forward the Objection Deadline to Wednesday 21st September 2016 for change of shipper events where the Supply Point Registration Date is within the critical processing period and the User has submitted the confirmation with the minimum timescales.

This solution enables the Transporter Agency to generate the relevant flows and validate them.

Note all other paragraphs within the Solution section remain as drafted.

Legal Text

Transition Document Part II C

3.1 “In order to enable the annual AQ review ~~24th, 25th, 26th~~, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th September 2016

shall be deemed not to be Supply Point System Business Days...”

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Proposer

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