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Dear Colleagues,

At the UK LINK Committee meeting held on 8th February 2007, xoserve provided an update on DN Interruption Reform as set out in UNC Modification Proposal 0090. Comments received from Shippers on the automated and manual process options were discussed, as was the proposal that the Change should be treated as a Class 1 Modification. xoserve also presented an updated and expanded process flow overview and a summary of the data files which are expected to flow between xoserve and Shippers. Presentation material was posted on the Joint Office website on 7th February.

This communication invites Shipper comments on 3 topics which arose during the course of the UK LINK Committee discussion.

1. Definition of data files between xoserve and Shippers

Whilst Shippers agreed at the meeting to defer a decision on the Transporter proposal to waive the 4 months' notice period for an operational change, xoserve has been requested to issue for comment further information on the definition of the data files which would be used to support the flow of data between xoserve and Shippers as part of the operation of a manual process. Details are contained in the attached document.

2. Use of SPA flows, IAD and possible alternative methods for the provision of contract information

Shippers have expressed particular concerns about the proposed use of IAD searches for the provision of information to nominating Shippers about the existence of a contracts for interruptible rights at defined Supply Points, and to the Registered Shipper about the terms associated with such contracts. xoserve is proposing the use of IAD for such purposes in order to mitigate concerns that the alternative means of provision of the same information via SPA flows would require all Shippers to change their systems which handle SPA flows. A large number of Shippers would not be participants in the new interruption processes, and would therefore have to bear the cost of changes to their systems without any benefit to their organisation. In light of the concerns being expressed, xoserve invites comments from Shippers in respect of alternative solutions for the provision of interruptible rights contract information.

3. Availability of contract information to nominating and Registered Shippers

Questions were also raised by Shippers about the nature of information which would be available via IAD. xoserve explained to the UK LINK Committee that the information set being provided would be the same whether communication is via SPA flows or IAD searches. A detailed definition of the information set is contained in Sections 3.9 - 3.11 of the above File Definitions document. It is xoserve's understanding that the 'M-View' component of IAD is available to all registered users of the service, so the information available via 'M-View' would be limited to that which is appropriate to the nominating Shipper, namely an indicator of the existence of a contract. By comparison, the 'Access To Data' component of IAD controls access such that information can be viewed only by the Registered Shipper for the Supply Point, so it would be appropriate to expand the information available to include further detail on contract terms.

Shippers are invited to provide comments on the above by Friday 23rd February, indicating in their responses the topics on which they are providing comment.

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