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Subject: XOSER00000563 – Cancellation of Shipper AQ Amendments

Dear Colleague,

During the AQ Operational Review Meeting discussions for the 2007 review, xoserve were asked by a number of shippers to consider an enhancement to the information provided to Users in the event of a Cancellation of Shipper Amendments. Shipper Amendments are submitted by Users where they consider that the Annual Quantity calculated by xoserve (on behalf of Transporters) should be revised. UNC Section G 1.6.4 (d) states:

'The Transporter will be entitled to reject without consideration, notice or liability any notification by a User which does not comply with the requirement in paragraph 1.6.4. and 1.6.5 (c) and if the Registered User fails to comply with this paragraph then the notification pursuant to paragraph 1.6.4 will be rejected and the Registered User shall be notified of such rejection

Currently Users will receive rejections once all Shipper Amendments are processed at the end of the period in which they are considered. Users currently receive a standard rejection indicating that the submission is contrary to UNC via E-Mail with all rejections detailed within an attachment at the end of the AQ process. In circumstances where a Shipper still wishes to amend the AQ this would need to be done using the appeals process. Users should note that this process is only available for meter point references where the proposed AQ is greater than or equal to 73,200 kWh.

The alternative process requested by the AQ Operational Review Meeting is that the Shipper Amendments are assessed immediately on receipt by xoserve, and so in instances where these transactions are rejected, Users have opportunity to revise the request and resubmit these prior to the Amendment window being closed. In order to facilitate this change it is proposed that xoserve introduce two new rejection codes to provide additional information to Users to be able to identify the most appropriate remedial action to take with the rejected transaction.

STD 00216 – "End Read Date is earlier than xoserve calculated End Read Date" will be used where the meter end read used in the amendment is prior to the meter end read used

STD 00217 – "Start Read Date is not later than AQ – WC Backstop Date" will be used where the Backstop date lies within the Shipper Read Period OR where the Shipper Start Read Date is not later than or equal to the backstop date.

In order to implement this change for the AQ 2007 process, xoserve will need agreement from the UKLink Committee that this change can be implemented without the timescales envisaged in the Section U of the UNC. UKLink Committee meeting on 12th April 2007 will be asked for an 'in principle' agreement that xoserve can implement this change, provided that no adverse comments are received in a formal 10 day representation period from Users.

If you have any questions, or wish to comment on the content of this communication prior to the UKLink Committee meeting, please contact Sue Prosser (0121 713 5501) or Neil Cole (0121 713 5181). If you have any comments regarding UKLink Committee governance, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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