

Draft High Level Business Principles for Retrospective Updates - as discussed at the Project Nexus UNC Workstream on 11 June 2010

Note: these Draft Business Principles are for review at the next meeting of the Project Nexus UNC Workstream, and have not yet been accepted.

This workgroup has dependencies on the outputs from the previous High Level Principle Workgroups. It is recognised that although a hierarchy of requirements has been identified, more in-depth analysis will be required in the detailed requirements gathering phase. This will not occur until more clarity is received from the SMIP.

For this reason this document contains High Level Business Principles rather than Business Rules.

The following neutral terminology is used in these principles, particularly where the clarity about a term will be delivered by a later Topic within Project Nexus:

- Site – using a neutral term and not specifying Meter Point/Supply Point/other
- Smart/remote – non-DM sites with timely remote access to meter reads which are used for balancing
- Consumption – could be reads/volume/energy – decision not required at this stage

High Level Principles

These Principles are aligned to those principles agreed and documented in the previous Project Nexus High-Level Principles Workgroups.

These Principles will cover (when complete) the following aspects of data:

- Standing data, relating to sites and to meters attached to sites
- Transactional data, such as consumptions

Under Project Nexus arrangements, Shippers will have the ability to update/amend/correct both standing and transactional data, within a set time-frame. After expiry of that time limit, probably aligned to the Reconciliation cut-off date (which has not yet been set) no further amendments would be accepted.

Area for further consideration

The following aspects of retrospective updates were raised, but require further discussion or consideration before any conclusion can be reached.

- Any validation of data updates to prevent/detect errors
- Any direct linkage to financial adjustments or to other data items, such as AQ
- The ability of Shippers to amend data for periods outside of their ownership
- The ability of Gas Transporters to amend data

Amendments by parties other than the incumbent (e.g. previous/subsequent Shippers or GTs) require further consideration, because of the impact on the incumbent's records, and the potential for those records to be out of line with the GT's.