

# 0576: Generation of an estimated Meter Reading at the Code Cut Off Date in the absence of an actual Meter Reading

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# Why change?

- Following Project Nexus Implementation Date Smaller Supply Points will be subject to Individual Meter Point Reconciliation
  - Reconciliation requires the availability of two Meter Readings
- Where a Meter Reading has not been received within the previous seven years we need UNC to allow an estimate to be created in order to facilitate reconciliation upon receipt of a subsequent Meter Reading
- UNC doesn't envisage a scenario where meters have not been read for a prolonged period of time
  - Following Project Nexus Implementation Date it is expected that circa 26,000 Supply Meter Points will remain without a Meter Reading



# Solution

- It is proposed that UNC allows an estimated Meter Reading to be calculated by Transporters.
- It is proposed that where a Meter Reading is not present following 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Formula Year t-6 that an estimated Meter Reading is inserted at the Code Cut Off Date (1<sup>st</sup> April in Formula Year t-3)
  - Users may replace the Meter Reading at a later date.
- The solution will incorporate both transitional and enduring arrangements
- Transitional (based on PNID of 1 Oct 2016)
  - If by PNID a Meter Reading has not been received since 1 April 2010 an estimated Meter Reading shall be calculated with an effective date of 1 April 2013.
- Enduring (example)
  - If by 31 March 2018 a Meter Reading has not been received since 1 April 2011 an estimated Meter Reading shall be calculated with an effective date of 1 April 2015.

In addition to this modification, Transporters are investigating options to allow Users to submit Meter Readings outside of the current 25 Business Day submission window (M3.3.4 (b)) where a User has a Meter Reading in this period – a UNC modification would not be required to enable this.



## Recommended Steps

- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
  - Subject to self-governance
  - Proceed to Workgroup assessment to develop the modification for a period of 1 month