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Colleague,

As per the UKLink Committee discussions on Thursday 13th January, Ofgem has recently directed that UNC Modification Proposal 0279 “Improving the availability of meter read history and asset information” is to be implemented.

The Proposer, highlighted that difficulties have been identified by a number of Shippers in relation to the Annual AQ Review process, whereby there is insufficient meter read and meter asset information available to enable a successful AQ appeal in cases where a Supply Point has recently changed Shipper/Supplier. In such cases the new Shipper is expected to produce at least 6 months of Meter Reading history to support an amendment to the AQ. The read history and meter asset details from the previous Supplier are not currently visible to the new Shipper/Supplier in such circumstances. The Modification is therefore aimed at making Meter Reading history and meter asset data (i.e. Meter Information) available to the incoming Shipper in order to accurately amend the AQ and other relevant information in its portfolio.

The report will form part of the User Pays regime and include the data items stated below. When produced for the first time, the report will contain information for a Shipper’s full portfolio for a 3 year period. All subsequent reports will only list changes to the previous report and will not replicate information already provided.

The initial list of proposed data items to be contained within the reports is as follows:-
Meter Point Reference, Shipper Short Code, Meter Read, Meter Read Date, Meter Read Type, Corrector Read, Un-Corrected Read, Meter Make, Meter Model, Meter Serial Number, N° of Dials, N° of Corrector Dials, Times Through Zero, Corrector Times Through Zero, Imperial Indicator, Reading Factor, Reading Units, Correction Factor, Exchange Meter Serial Number, Exchange Correction Factor, Exchange Imperial Indicator, Exchange Reading Factor, Exchange Reading Units, Exchange N° of Dials, Exchange Times Through Zero, Exchange Start Read, Exchange Start Read Date, Exchange End Read, Exchange End Read Date.

The initial report is to be sent via an encrypted DVD and it is intended – subject to impact assessment - that all subsequent reports are to be sent via the Information Exchange (IX).

As this change is required as a result of a UNC Modification this should – to the letter of the UNC – be classed as a ‘Class 2 UKLink Modification’, however, xoserve propose that the classification is treated to a ‘Class 1 UK Link Modification’ due to the method of delivery of this information via DVD. Should this information subsequently be delivered by I’X, xoserve would propose a further change to be considered by the UKLink Committee that would deal with the delivery method. In light of this, Users are asked to provide representations upon the proposed fields, and the proposed UKLink classification by Friday 28th January.

Regards,

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