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Colleague,

The Adhoc Invoice (.ADH) is utilised to issue all adhoc charges. Within the format of the Adhoc invoice, the Invoice Type Code ('ITP\_Code') represents the invoice type identifier, a code that identifies the type of charges. ADN is one such Invoice Type code and is utilised to issue a range of different adhoc charge types which have not been assigned a specific Invoice Type code.

All charges currently associated with services pertaining to User Pays are issued using the ADN Invoice Type code and are therefore grouped as ADN with a number of other, non-associated charge types.

Due to system constraints and the number of new and proposed User Pays services, Xoserve proposes that a new Invoice Type is created within the Adhoc Invoice specifically for all User Pays charge types thereby creating a separation of the User Pays charges from other, non-associated charges. The creation of a new Invoice Type for User Pays charges only would allow better differentiation of invoice types for Shippers and a clearer identification of User Pays specific charges. It is the intention that all future User Pays charges would utilise the new Invoice Type code with a proposal, in agreement with the industry, to move all current User Pays charges to the new Invoice Type code following relevant notification timescales.

With the introduction of UNC MOD0224 Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime, an additional 12 User Pays charge types were added to the ADN Invoice Type. New charge types will also be created for the User Pays charges associated with UNC Modifications 279 "Improving the availability of meter read history and asset information", 229 "Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified" and 317 "[Interim Allocation of Unidentified Gas Costs](#)". Subsequent new charge types will continue to be created for any additional User Pays charges.

It is the intention that the new Invoice Type code is created and any new User Pays charge types, starting with UNC Modifications 279, 229 and 317, would then be assigned the new code, rather than utilising ADN.

Xoserve seek the view of the UK Link Committee to determine if the timescales regarding the notification of the new User Pays Invoice Type code would require 1 month, 3 months or 6 months industry notification prior to implementation. As this does not represent a new invoice, Xoserve propose that 1 month's notification is required. In making this proposal Xoserve notes that the 'ITP\_CODE' field does not have a specified list of allowable values so we would propose that this change is managed as a Class 1 UK Link Modification, assuming that this has no impacts to User systems. It is believed that this differentiation may assist Users in identifying new User Pays invoices, however, Xoserve would welcome representations from the Committee, on the change proposed, but specific comments are requested upon the classification and the notice period.

This notification has been issued prior to the UKLink Committee so that Users can consider this prior to a discussion at the Committee, and this will inform Xoserve's Implementation Summary of this change that will be issued on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Should you have any questions or comments prior to this, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Johnson on 0121 623 2455

Regards,

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