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**Subject: MP/922/RN: Amendment to Field Length of CSEP Exit Zone.**

Dear Colleague,

The purpose of the project cor0462b- 'Expiry of Gemini Exit Zones and Downstream Impacts' is to make the necessary changes across xoserve systems to manage the downstream impacts from Gemini and Sites & Meters, including impacts to both Shippers and Distribution Networks (DN) to accept an increased CSEP Exit Zone of up to 10 characters. These changes are required as the current range of the 3 character Exit Zones is estimated to be exhausted by early 2010.

To support these changes, an amendment is required to the Exit Zone field within the .EPS file. Currently, the length of the Exit Zone field is 3 characters. On implementation of this project, the field length will be amended to 10 characters. The .EPS file is an information file which was introduced last year as part of the DN Interruption arrangements that were delivered under project cor0400- 'DN Interruption Reform'.

The file is not scheduled within a batch routine and is normally sent on or around the 1st April each year.

It is intended that this change is implemented in February 2010 to ensure minimal risk to operational processes given that the 3 character range will be exhausted by early 2010. We acknowledge that this provides UK Link Committee 5 months notification period for the approval meeting.

Representations are sought from users by 28/08/09 to this email account [uklink@xoserve.com](mailto:uklink@xoserve.com). In particular users are asked to consider the shortened implementation timetable within their comments.

For further information, please contact Rachel Nock (0121 623 2781) or Dave Turpin (0121 623 2761)

Thanks and regards

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