

Stage 01: Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

0520: Performance Assurance Reporting

- 01 Modification
- 02 Workgroup Report
- 03 Draft Modification Report
- 04 Final Modification Report

This modification is to introduce lower level industry performance reporting.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- assessed by a Workgroup









High Impact: None



Medium Impact: Shippers



Low Impact: Transporters

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About this document:	
This modification was presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 18 December 2014.	
The Panel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> referred the modification to a Workgroup for assessment. 	
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Initial consideration by Workgroup	13 January 2015
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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

Self Governance should not apply to this modification because the reporting will identify individual User performance and this change could have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes.

Why Change?

The new gas settlement regime introduced as part of the Project Nexus arrangements is expected to offer wide benefits to the industry, however it is also recognised that new risks may be introduced. The gas Performance Assurance Workgroup (PAW) was established by the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Modification Panel to consider the development of a framework that can help to ensure the gas settlement risks are understood, and to provide assurance that the actions of parties are not inappropriately allocating costs to others.

Given the value of energy that is delivered throughout GB each day, any small percentage of inaccuracy in aggregate allocation is potentially significant. The volume of un-reconciled energy after any period is dependent upon accurate and timely data provision, including asset and available consumption data.

The transparency of individual User and industry performance will be a key component in ensuring Nexus functions effectively and ensures the objective of User and industry performance is maintained or potentially improved.

This modification is expected to be one of a series of modifications around Performance Assurance, each of which should be able to be developed independently and implemented at different times as required. For the avoidance of doubt it is intended that this modification be implemented without reliance on any other modification.

Solution

This modification proposes to introduce reporting arrangements for the key industry inputs which impact accurate settlement allocation.

Relevant Objectives

This proposal will have a positive impact on relevant objectives d) Securing of effective competition by reporting User data input performance in elements related to settlement accuracy and with improved data quality the proposal should further relevant objective a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.

Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed.

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This modification is related to the UK Link Replacement project, aka Nexus, but will not have an impact on the signed off requirements or system delivery timescales. The new UK Link replacement system has reporting functionality built into the current specification. This change will give the relevant Transporters the legal vires to produce reports from available industry data.

2 Why Change?

As part of the outcome of the last Gas Distribution price control review, it was agreed that funding should be available to support a major IT systems investment programme by the Transporters' agent, Xoserve.

This major systems investment for UK Link Replacement provides an opportunity to consider whether the existing UNC requirements remain appropriate. Whilst the new regime is expected to offer benefits, it is also recognised that new risks may be introduced. As a result the gas Performance Assurance Workgroup (PAW) was established by the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Modification Panel to consider the development of a framework that can help to ensure the gas settlement risks are understood, and to provide assurance that the actions of Users are not inappropriately allocating costs to others.

Given the value of energy that is delivered throughout GB each day, any small percentage of inaccuracy in aggregate allocation is potentially significant. The volume of un-reconciled energy after any period is dependent upon accurate and timely data provision, including asset and available consumption data. Therefore PAW has identified the necessity for individual User and industry performance reporting, for the key industry inputs which impact accurate settlement allocation.

The transparency of individual User and industry performance will be a key component in ensuring UK Link Replacement functions effectively, the key benefits are realised and ensures User and industry performance is maintained or potentially improved.

This modification is expected to be one of a series of modifications around Performance Assurance, each of which should be able to be developed independently and implemented at different times as required. For the avoidance of doubt it is intended that this modification be implemented without reliance on any other modification.

This will also allow the other Performance Assurance Incentive Regime (UNC 0483)¹ and Gas Performance Assurance Framework and Governance Arrangements (UNC0506)² modifications to be considered on their own merits and not potentially delay by other proposals.

The intension of this proposal is that this change provides Transporters the legal vires to produce reports from industry data. Available data could include UK Link Replacement data or other data. This position is taken as Users have access to their own data, whereas the Transporters have access to all User and industry data.

¹ www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0483

² www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0506

3 Solution

This modification will create the obligation for the relevant Distribution Transporters to produce and publish lower-level Performance Assurance reporting.

Business Rules

1. The Guidelines document Performance Assurance Report [Register](#) Guidance Document, will be maintained by the relevant Distribution Transporters.
2. The Guidelines document will be referenced under the relevant section of code
3. The Transporters will publish the reports monthly.
4. The Publications of reports are to be made available to UNC Parties.
5. Reports will be issued referencing Shipper Short Codes.
6. [Schedule 1 will be implemented from the approval date to Project Nexus implementation date.](#)
7. [Schedule 2 will be implemented post Project Nexus implementation date \(back dated – as necessary\)](#)
- 5.8. Should a User or Transporter wish to propose modifications to any of the Performance Assurance Report Register Document, they shall be raised in accordance with the UNC Modification rules.

User Pays	
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.	The creation of the incentive regime is classified as a User Pays Modification, as it will create additional services in the UNC, which are to be provided by the Transporter Agency.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.	As Users are the beneficiaries of the services created by these modifications, 100% of the costs are to be recovered from Users. The charging basis for Users is: Total AQ for all LDZs for the relevant billing period for each Shipper (as at the end of the relevant billing period (30th September) as a percentage of the total AQ for all LDZs for the relevant billing period for all Shippers (as at the end of the relevant billing period (30th September)
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.	Shipper charges will split by Shipper market share throughput. See above.
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.	A cost estimate is to be provided by Xoserve

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	Positive
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	None
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

This proposal should have a positive effect on relevant objective d) Securing of effective competition. The reporting will allow for the monitoring of Shipper's data input performance in elements related to settlement accuracy and support an incentive regime to improve performance and reduce settlement risk.

This is expected to lead to more accurate and up to date information being held on Xoserve's system and therefore improve accuracy of settlement and information in relation to system utilisation and capacity needs.

5 Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed.

It is expected that implementation of the reporting will be post UK Link System implementation. The reports will be produced using available industry data and therefore will not impact the core design of the UK Link Replacement system.

6 Impacts

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This change does not impact an SCR.

Post Nexus Implementation

The proposal is intended to use Nexus data for reporting, although it does not limit the Transporters from delivering the change for the current gas settlement regime, it is intended that the change will be implemented post Project Nexus Go-live.

7 Legal Text

Text Commentary

To be provided.

Text

To be provided.

8 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

- Determine that this modification should not be subject to self-governance; and
- Progress to Workgroup assessment.

9 Appendix

[For reporting criteria see supporting Performance Assurance Report Register Document](#)