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Dear Colleague,

NR/651/DA - UKL13779 - Changes to UKLink Systems to reflect Modification 080 - AMR Readings - Pack 3 of 4

In order for Transporters to facilitate innovative solutions within the meter reading market, i.e. to accommodate greater usage of automatic meter reading (AMR) equipment for NDM sites, there is a requirement to simplify meter reading submissions by eliminating the need to provide an unconverted meter reading where a converter is fitted. Where a converter is fitted, Uniform Network Code (UNC) currently requires that three meter readings are submitted to the Transporter, a meter reading, a converted meter reading and the unconverted meter reading (UNC Section M 1.4.3 & M 3.1.4). This change removes the requirement to submit the unconverted meter reading where AMR equipment is present.

The changes will amend the conditionality of the *.UMR and the *.UPD files for NDM Freestanding meter points. Currently, these files expect that where a converter is fitted that the unconverted and converted readings would be provided in addition to the meter reading.

Following implementation of this change, where AMR equipment is installed, the provision of the unconverted index will not be a condition. Therefore, only meter and converted index will be required.

Where a converter is present at site, but AMR equipment is not installed, all three indexes will still be required.

The proposed implementation date - provided that this is accepted at the above meeting, would be February 2007.

As the solution to this change involves modification to the UK Link validation routines associated with the submission of an unconverted meter reading where a converter is fitted, it is proposed this change is implemented under the governance arrangements envisaged for a Class 1 modification. Comments are invited from Users on this specific point and that of the implementation date referred to above.

Should you wish to provide any comments on this matter, please provide these to uklink@xoserve.com no later than Friday 25th August 2006.

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