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Development of Rules

- (a) Section M5.3.3 of the Transportation Principal Document (TPD) of the Uniform Network Code (UNC). specifies that:

“The "Uniform Network Code Validation Rules" (or "Validation Rules") are the rules and procedures contained in the document issued by the Transporters at the [Project Nexus Implementation Date] and so entitled and governed and amended in accordance with Section V12 unless the Authority shall upon application by any User made within one month after such notice, give Condition A11(18) Disapproval to the Transporters making any amendment in accordance with the provisions of Section V12.”

- (b) The requirement to publish the Uniform Network Code Validation Rules is specified in Section V12.1(b) of the TPD of the UNC. This section also provides for the document to be published and revised from time to time. The provision (TPD V12.2) reads :

“Each Document shall be kept up to date and published by the Transporters on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters' website.”

- (c) The Rules set out below meet the Transporters' obligation to prepare Guidelines, while the Document Control Section records changes which have been made to the Guidelines. The document is published on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters' website, www.gasgovernance.com.

- (d) These Guidelines can only be modified in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraph 12 of Section V of the UNC Transportation Principal Document, which reads as follows:

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1 Introduction

This is the document referred to in Section M 5.3 of the Uniform Network Code Transportation Principal Document. It does not form part of the Uniform Network Code.

- 1.1 This document describes the validation rules which will be applied to non-daily (Class 3 and 4) and daily metered (Class 1 and 2) Supply Meter Point meter readings, read equipment, convertor readings and associated data before they are applied to User and Transporter systems. All parameterised values are subject to amendment in accordance with the procedures set out in Section M 5.3.3 of the Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document. Any changes will be notified to Users. [References in this document to Meter Readings \(reading\(s\)\) are consistent with Section M 1.5.2 of the UNC – i.e. include convertor readings as appropriate.](#)
- 1.2 These rules are the minimum requirement of validation that must be undertaken for readings applied by Users prior to submitting to the Transporter.
- 1.3 Readings from Class 1 daily metered Supply Meter Points will be validated by the Transporter [Daily Metered Service Provider \(DMSP\)](#) in accordance with the relevant rules described herein.
- 1.4 Readings from Class 2, 3 & 4 Supply Meter Points must be validated by the Users before submitting to the Transporter in accordance with the relevant rules described herein.
- 1.5 Readings that do not pass the validations described will be rejected by the Transporter with the relevant rejection reason.
- 1.6 The validation described in this document will be in addition to that used to determine that the data is in accordance with the file specification and system requirements.
- 1.7 The validation refers to cyclic and non-cyclic meter readings, including transfer readings, consumption adjustments and readings [provided with, or derived as a result of, RGMA transactions.](#)
- 1.8 In addition to User validation, the Transporter will undertake a two step validation process for all readings [listed under Section 1.9;](#)
 - 1.8.1 An initial tolerance check (Inner Tolerance) that can be overridden by the User. The override flag can be submitted

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with the reading or on re-submission of the reading following rejection.

1.8.2 The second test (Outer Tolerance) will be applied if the reading or consumption adjustment passes the Inner Tolerance check. Where the reading or consumption adjustment fails this test the reading will be rejected and can not be overridden.

1.9 The tolerance check validation will apply to energy calculated from the following:

- Actual cyclic readings (including reads from AMR/Dataloggers)
- Actual non-cyclic readings
- Site Visit reads (Check Reads). See section 7
- Readings received as part of, or derived as a result of, an RGMA transaction (excluding installation readings) - See section 3
- Opening (Transfer) Reading
- Must Read
- Consumption Adjustments
- Class change reading
- Replacement readings
- CDSP Estimated Read (Outer Tolerance only will be applied)

1.10 On submission of the read communication by the Shipper, the GT will perform a set of validations based on 3 groupings, please see Section 9 for further detail:

Set 1: Read Submission

Set 2: Asset

Set 3: Read Validation

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- If the read submission fails the first set of validations "read submission", all relevant checks will be performed and any that fail the validations will be notified to the Shipper i.e. if there is more than one failure reason all will be communicated to the Shipper via the relevant rejection code.

- If both the "Read Submission" and "Asset" validations have passed the third set of validations "Read Validation" will ... [4]

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2. Meter Reading Validation

2.1 A completeness check to ensure all readings expected have been received, including Convertor readings where a Convertor is installed.

2.2 All meter readings will be subjected to a round the clock test to detect possible instances where a meter has made a complete revolution of the dials between readings. The round the clock test will be checked against the previous actual reading not the estimated reading, including estimated transfer readings.

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The term Round the Clock (RTC) refers to the number of times the meter or convertor has gone "through the zero's" e.g. has moved from 9999 to 0001. The use of this indicator and the reading will permit the volume of gas to be calculated as well as detecting any reversal of readings following an earlier erroneous reading. A detailed explanation of the logic is given in Appendix A.

2.3 Validation to ensure the read is equal to or greater than a previous actual reading (not estimated reading), in addition, for replacement reads, the read must be less than or equal to a subsequent actual read.

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2.4 All readings supplied by Users, including readings received as an asset update (with the exception of installation reads) and replacement reads, will be subject to tolerance checking as described below.

2.5 An inner Tolerance validation will be applied to all readings as described in Section 8

2.5.1 The User may 'override' the 'Inner Tolerance Check' by indicating as such when submitting the reading.

2.5.2 A further tolerance check (Outer Tolerance check) will be applied, a reading that breaches the Outer Tolerance check will be rejected by the Transporter.

2.5.3 Tolerance ranges will be based on the AQ band for a Supply Meter Point. Tolerance Ranges are shown in Section 8.

2.6 The tolerances will be applied using the previous actual meter reading, including an installation read , ,

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2.7 Where a Convertor is installed additional checks will be performed to ensure that the Convertor is reading meter pulses correctly. The

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following checks will be performed. The check will not be applied to a Variable Pressure site.

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2.7.1 Calculate;
(Convertor Corrected Volume / Meter Read Volume) / Meter
Point Correction Factor

2.7.2 A Convertor Tolerance check will be applied on the 'Ratio'
between the Convertor reads and meter reads:

Ratio = Vol 1 / Vol 2 / Meter Correction Factor

Where;

Vol 1 = Volume calculated using Convertor corrected reads

Vol 2 = Volume calculated using Convertor uncorrected reads,
or meter reads if uncorrected reads are not available

2.7.3 The tolerance ranges are:

Class 1 & 2 meter points: 0.95 to 1.05

Class 3 & 4 meter points: 0.85 to 1.15

Note: The tolerance validations described under section 2.7 will not be applied. This will apply to all meter points in Class 1, 2, 3 & 4. This validation will not be performed until a change in functionality to the reading validation rules is delivered.

2.8 Reads submitted as part of an asset update will be subject to read
validations with the exception of installation reads.

2.9 Replacement reads will only be accepted if a reading for the same
date is recorded on UKLink.

2.10 For Class 1 & 2 meter points where an actual is received following an
estimated reading, including an estimated transfer reading, within
GFD+5 the following will apply:

2.10.1 On receipt of the actual reading it will be validated to ensure
equal to or greater than the previous actual reading.

- If yes, accept the actual reading
- If no, reject

2.10.2 Tolerance validations will be applied using the previous actual
reading

2.10.3 For Class 1 or 2 Supply Meter Points the read tolerance validation
will use a weighted SOQ to validate the read. The weighted SOQ
is derived between the last actual read and the current read to
define the maximum allowed consumption (this will take account of
any changes in the SOQ during the period from the last actual
read to the previous actual read)

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2.10.4 Where the actual reading is accepted the consumption and energy will be calculated from the previous actual reading and new estimate(s) calculated, 'better estimate', for the gas day.

2.11 For Class 3 & 4 meter points where an actual is received following an estimated transfer or Class change reading, the following will apply:

2.11.1 On receipt of the actual reading it will be validated to ensure equal to or greater than the previous actual reading.

- If yes, accept the actual reading
- If no, reject

2.11.2 Tolerance validations will be applied using the previous actual reading

2.11.3 The current effective AQ on the date of the read will be used for the purposes of the read tolerance validation.

2.11.4 Where there is a change in the Class of the Supply Meter Point from Class 3 or 4 to Class 1 or 2, and an estimated Class change read is calculated and recorded, the next valid actual read received will be validated back to the previous actual read and will use a weighted SOQ for the purposes of the read tolerance validation. The weighted SOQ is derived between the last actual read and the current read to define the maximum allowed consumption (this will take account of any significant changes in the SOQ during the period of the Class change from the last actual read to the previous actual read)

2.11.5 Where the actual reading is accepted the consumption and energy will be calculated from the estimated transfer reading.

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3. **Validation on Readings received as part of, or derived as a result of, an Asset transaction**

3.1 Readings submitted within, or derived as a result of, an RGMA transaction (other than an installation reading), will be validated against the 'Outer Tolerance' check. If the read fails the tolerance, the transaction will be rejected.

3.2 An asset removal will be rejected if actual readings exist after the effective date of the asset removal.

3.3 If the asset is recorded as removed, readings will not be accepted for a read date after the effective date of the asset update.

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4. Class 1 DM Mandatory Supply Points

For all non Telemetered Class 1 Supply Meter Points the daily readings are obtained and submitted by the Gas Transporters Daily Metered Service Provider (DMSP).

The validations described herein will be performed by the Transporters' DMSP on non-telemetered Class 1 Supply Meter Points.

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5. Non Standard Supply Meter Points (formerly known as Unique Sites)

The meter read tolerance validation described in Section 8 will be performed on the portfolio of Supply Meter Points formerly known as unique sites with the exception of NTS & LDZ Telemetered Supply Meter Points..

The Supply Meter Points that are currently known as unique sites are;

- All NTS sites including Direct Connect sites, Connected System Operator (CSO) sites and Shared Supply Meter Points
- NTS Interconnectors
- LDZ Telemetered sites
- LDZ Connected System Operator (CSO) sites
- LDZ sites with NTS Optional Rate and/or LDZ Optional Rate
- LDZ Shared Supply Meter Points
- LDZ Site with Specific Calorific Values (CV)
- LDZ Sites with any Special Metering Arrangements in place

Note: The reads for the above site types will continue to be obtained by the Gas Transporter (DMSP / NG Transmission) and will be managed under Class 1.

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6. Consumption Adjustments

6.1 A Consumption Adjustment can be submitted for the following reasons;

- a. To replace the consumption recorded where the meter is on 'Bypass'
- b. To replace the consumption recorded where there has been a confirmed theft of gas
- c. To replace the consumption recorded where there has been a Daily Read Error
- d. To replace the consumption recorded where there has been a fault on the asset
- e. To correct the total consumption for a 'Twinstream Meter' Supply Point

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6.2 The period of the consumption adjustment must align to reads recorded on UKLink

6.3 The total corrected consumption for the period must be submitted.

6.4 Users must validate the Consumption Adjustment prior to submitting to the Transporter.

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6.5 Where a User submits a Consumption Adjustment the validations and tolerance ranges described under Section 8 will be applied.

6.6 Where the Consumption Adjustment fails the validations it will be rejected by the Transporter.

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7. Validation to Site Visit Reads (Check Reads)

7.1 Read validation and convertor tolerance checks will be applied over the 'Check Read Period'. The following will be treated as a 'Check Read' where derivable equipment is installed;

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- Check Read following a Site Visit

- Readings received as part of, or derived as a result of, an RGMA transaction,

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- Shipper transfer and Class change reading

- Bypass reading

7.2 The daily average energy between the Check Read period (as defined in 7.1) will be calculated, the daily value will be used to validate against the SOQ for Class 1 and 2 and the AQ for Class 3 & 4. The SOQ/AQ will be the prevailing value for the date of the Site Visit.

7.3 A replacement reading will be rejected where the read date falls within the Check Read period (as defined in 7.1)

7.4 The 'Round the Clock' indicator should be based on the latter of either the previous Check Read, installation read, bypass reading or the transfer read.

7.5 Where a reading has been treated as a Check Read the reading will be used for validation purposes.

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8. TOLERANCE RANGES

8.1 Tolerances Applicable to Class 1 and 2 Meter Points - Daily Reading Received Following an Actual Reading (see section 2.10 for further information on the SOQ used for the validation)

| Lower AQ Band (kWh) | Upper AQ Band (kWh) | Tolerances where read will be accepted | Tolerances where a Read will be Accepted if Submitted within Override Flag (Inner Tolerance) | Outer Tolerance Where Read will be Rejected (Market Breaker) |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | 1 | 0% - 2,000,000% of SOQ | 2,000,001% - 7,000,000 % of SOQ | >= 7,000,001% of SOQ |
| 2 | 200 | 0% - 10,000% of SOQ | 10,001% - 25,000 % of SOQ | >= 25,001% of SOQ |
| 201 | 500 | 0% - 4,000% of SOQ | 4,001% - 10,000 % of SOQ | >= 10,001% of SOQ |
| 501 | 1,000 | 0% - 2,000% of SOQ | 2,001% - 5,000 % of SOQ | >= 5,001% of SOQ |
| 1,001 | 5,000 | 0% - 400% of SOQ | 401% - 2,000 % of SOQ | >= 2,001% of SOQ |
| 5,001 | 10,000 | 0% - 200% of SOQ | 201% - 500 % of SOQ | >= 501% of SOQ |
| 10,001 | 20,000 | 0% - 150% of SOQ | 151% - 400 % of SOQ | >= 401% of SOQ |
| 20,001 | 73,200 | 0% - 300% of SOQ | 301% - 600 % of SOQ | >= 601% of SOQ |
| 73,201 | 732,000 | 0% - 250% of SOQ | 251% - 550 % of SOQ | >= 551% of SOQ |
| 732,001 | 2,196,000 | 0% - 200% of SOQ | 201% - 500 % of SOQ | >= 501% of SOQ |
| 2,196,001 | 29,300,000 | 0% - 150% of SOQ | 151% - 450 % of SOQ | >= 451% of SOQ |
| 29,300,001 | 58,600,000 | 0% - 100% of SOQ | 101% - 400 % of SOQ | >= 401% of SOQ |
| 58,600,001 | and above | 0% - 100% of SOQ | 101% - 350 % of SOQ | >= 351% of SOQ |

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8.2 Tolerances Applicable to Class 3 and 4 Meter Points - Reading Received Following an Actual Reading (see section 2.11 for further information on the SOQ used for the validation where there is a change in Class)

| Lower AQ Band (kWh) | Upper AQ Band (kWh) | Tolerances where read will be accepted | Tolerances where a Read will be Accepted if Submitted within Override Flag (Inner Tolerance) | Outer Tolerance Where Read will be Rejected (Market Breaker) |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 1 | 1 | 0% - 2,000,000% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 2,000,001% - 7,000,000 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 7,000,001% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 2 | 200 | 0% - 10,000% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 10,001% - 25,000 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 25,001% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 201 | 500 | 0% - 4,000% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 4,001% - 10,000 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 10,001% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 501 | 1,000 | 0% - 2,000% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 2,001% - 5,000 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 5,001% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 1,001 | 5,000 | 0% - 400% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 401% - 2,000 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 2,001% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 5,001 | 10,000 | 0% - 200% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 201% - 500 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 501% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 10,001 | 20,000 | 0% - 150% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 151% - 400 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 401% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
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| 73,201 | 732,000 | 0% - 250% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 251% - 550 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 551% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 732,001 | 2,196,000 | 0% - 200% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 201% - 500 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 501% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 2,196,001 | 29,300,000 | 0% - 150% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 151% - 450 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 451% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 29,300,001 | 58,600,000 | 0% - 100% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 101% - 400 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 401% of AQ/365 x no. of days |
| 58,600,001 | and above | 0% - 100% of AQ/365 x no. of days | 101% - 350 % of AQ/365 x no. of days | >= 351% of AQ/365 x no. of days |

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9. Grouping of Validations Performed

On submission of the read communication by the Shipper, the GT will perform a set of validations based on 3 groupings, in the following order:

Set 1: Read Submission

- reading received within the read submission timescales, including the transfer reading (Opening read) and Check Read
- an actual reading cannot be replaced for Class 1 and 2 meter points

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Set 2: Asset

- all expected readings are received e.g. corrected and uncorrected reads where a Convertor is recorded
- meter point status is 'Live' and asset status must not be 'Removed'
- asset serial number matches the serial number held (fuzzy match)
- reading provided must equal the number of dials and digits recorded for the asset

Set 3: Read Validation

- Read validation tolerances
- Convertor tolerance check ([see section 2.7](#))
- for replacement readings, a reading exists for the same date on UKLink
- for replacement readings, the Shipper submitting the reading was the registered Shipper on the date of the reading
- for replacement readings, the reading is not within the period of a consumption adjustment
- for replacement readings, the reading is not within the Check Read period

For each group all relevant validations within the set will be performed and rejections provided in the notification to the Shipper.

If the read submission fails the first set of validations "read submission", all relevant checks will be performed and any that fail the validations will be notified to the Shipper i.e. if there is more than one failure reason all will be communicated to the Shipper via the relevant rejection code.

Where any failures are recorded the next set of validations "Asset" will not be executed.

If the "read submission" validations pass, the second set "Asset" will be performed. All relevant checks for that set of validations will be performed and any that fail the validations will be notified to the Shipper. Where any failures are recorded the next set of validations "Read Validation" will not be executed.

All rejections in each set of validations will be notified to the Shipper. If both the "Read Submission" and "Asset" validations have passed the third set of validations "Read Validation" will be performed. Only where all 3 sets of validations have passed will the reading be accepted.

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Process flow included under Appendix D.

Note: Please refer to the appropriate rejection codes for the complete list of read rejections.

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APPENDIX A: 'ROUND THE CLOCK' INDICATORS

REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

1. The term 'round the clock' will be used in a single context to denote that a meter or convertor has passed through all its zeros and will not necessarily imply that the meter or convertor has made a complete revolution of all its dials (i.e. more than 10,000 hundred cubic feet (hcf) on a four dial meter, 100,000 hcf on a five dial meter etc).

The indicator is to be used for all meters and convertors but in the remainder of the text the term meter will be used for ease of understanding.

2. This means that in the circumstance for a meter reading in hcf;

2.1 Present Reading 6000

Previous Reading 5000

If the volume passing through the meter is 1,000hcf then the RTC indicator will be 0.

If the volume passing through the meter is 1 1,000hcf (because the meter has made one complete revolution of all its dials) the RTC indicator will be 1. Here the meter has gone through the zero's once.

If the volume passing through the meter is 21,000hcf (because the meter has made two complete revolutions of all its dials) the RTC indicator will be 2. Here the meter has gone through its zeros twice.

2.2 Present Reading 0999

Previous Reading 9999

If the volume passing through the meter is 1,000hcf then the RTC indicator will be 1 as the meter has gone through the zero's once.

If the volume passing through the meter is 11,000hcf (because the meter has made one complete revolution of the dials) the RTC indicator will be 2 as the meter has gone through the zero's twice.

If the volume passing through the meter is 21,000hcf (because the meter has made two complete revolutions of all the dials) the RTC indicator will be 3 as the meter has gone through the zero's three times.

- NB:** A customer reading will be treated as an actual reading for the purpose of this test. The negative consumption indicator will only be used if the previous reading is an estimate.

3. The test to detect whether a meter has made more than one complete revolution of its dials will be applied only to 4 dial meters or where the previous reading is an estimate. For meters with 5 or more dials the reading will assumed to have gone forward unless the previous reading is an estimate.

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Appendix B: Calculated Gas Card Readings

Note: The following is the obligation of the Users. The Transporter will not be required to carry out the following checks from readings taken from Gas Cards.

- 1.1 The following refers to the calculation of a **Calculated Gas Card Reading** which (subject to compliance with section M5.13) can be used as an 'Opening Meter Reading' upon Supply Point Transfer.
- 1.2 Calculated Gas Card Readings will be subject to the same tests as detailed in Section 2, Cyclic Meter Readings.

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2 Formula

- 2.1 The Calculated Gas Card Reading shall be calculated in the same units as the Gas Card Reading from the Gas Card and will be calculated using the following formula:

$$(((c - b) / (b - a)) * (y - x)) + y$$

where:

a is the Accumulative Daily Value for first date in the Applicable Sequence.
b is the Accumulative Daily Value for last date in the Applicable Sequence.
c is the Accumulative Daily Value for the Supply Point Registration Date.
x is the First Reading in the Applicable Sequence.
y is the Last Reading in the Applicable Sequence.

- 2.2 No Calculated Gas Card Reading shall be calculated where **a = b** or where **x = y**.
- 2.3 For Metric calculation (M3) the Calculated Gas Card Reading shall be in the Range 00000.10 to 99999.90. [Note: The least significant digit is always zero].
- 2.4 For Imperial calculation (Cubic Feet) the Calculated Gas Card Reading shall be in the Range 0000.01 to 9999.99.
- 2.5 The First Reading and Last Reading must be taken from a date within the six month period prior to the Supply Point Registration Date.

3 Definitions

- 3.1 **Accumulative Daily Value**
The value used to provide a seasonal adjustment factor within the formula. Values for the relevant date within the 'Applicable Sequence' are determined using the table in Appendix C.
- 3.2 **Applicable Sequence**

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The sequence of actual Gas Card Readings used to generate the Calculated Gas Card Reading (by execution of the formula).

- 3.3 **Calculated Gas Card Reading**
As defined in Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document Section M1.4.3(h).
- 3.4 **Gas Card Reading**
As defined in Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document Section M1.4.3(f).
- 3.5 **First Reading**
The first of the actual Gas Card Readings taken within the six month period prior to the Supply Point Registration Date.
- 3.6 **Last Reading**
The last of the second, third, fourth or fifth actual Gas Card Readings taken prior to the Supply Point Registration Date within the six month period prior to the Supply Point Registration Date.
- 3.7 **Supply Point Registration Date**
As defined in Uniform Network Code – Transportation Principal Document G1.1.5

CALCULATED GAS CARD READINGS

- 1 The following table is used to determine the 'Accumulative Daily Value' for application within the formula

Table 4:

| Month | Date | Seasonal Factor | Seasonal Factor / 100 | Accumulative Daily Value |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| January | 01/01/04 | 13.80 | 0.138 | $0.138 = 0.138 + 0$ |
| | 02/01/04 | | 0.138 | $0.276 = 0.138 + 0.138$ |
| | 03/01/04 | | 0.138 | $0.414 = 0.276 + 0.138$ |
| | | | " | " |
| February | 01/02/04 | 13.60 | 0.136 | $4.414 = 4.278 + 0.136$ |
| | 02/02/04 | | 0.136 | $4.55 = 4.414 + 0.136$ |
| | 03/02/04 | | 0.136 | $4.686 = 4.55 + 0.136$ |
| | | | " | " |
| March | 01/03/04 | 12.20 | 0.122 | $8.344 = 8.222 + 0.122$ |
| | 02/03/04 | | 0.122 | $8.466 = 8.344 + 0.122$ |
| | 03/03/04 | | 0.122 | $8.588 = 8.466 + 0.122$ |
| | | | " | " |
| April | 01/04/04 | 09.80 | 0.098 | 12.102 |
| May | 01/05/04 | 07.10 | 0.071 | 15.015 |
| June | 01/06/04 | 04.20 | 0.042 | 17.187 |
| July | 01/07/04 | 02.40 | 0.024 | 18.429 |
| August | 01/08/04 | 02.40 | 0.024 | 19.173 |
| September | 01/09/04 | 04.20 | 0.042 | 19.935 |
| October | 01/10/04 | 07.30 | 0.073 | 21.226 |
| November | 01/11/04 | 10.30 | 0.103 | 3.519 |
| December | 01/12/04 | 12.70 | 0.127 | 26.633 |
| January | 01/01/05 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 30.581 |
| January | 01/01/06 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 60.888 |
| January | 01/01/07 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 91.195 |
| January | 01/01/08 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 121.502 |

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| Januar y | 01/01/ 09 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 151.945 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 10 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 182.252 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 11 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 212.559 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 12 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 242.866 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 13 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 273.309 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 14 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 303.616 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 15 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 333.923 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 16 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 364.230 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 17 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 394.673 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 18 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 424.980 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 19 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 455.287 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 20 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 485.594 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 21 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 516.037 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 22 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 546.344 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 23 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 576.651 |
| Januar y | 01/01/ 24 | 13.80 | 0.138 | 606.958 |

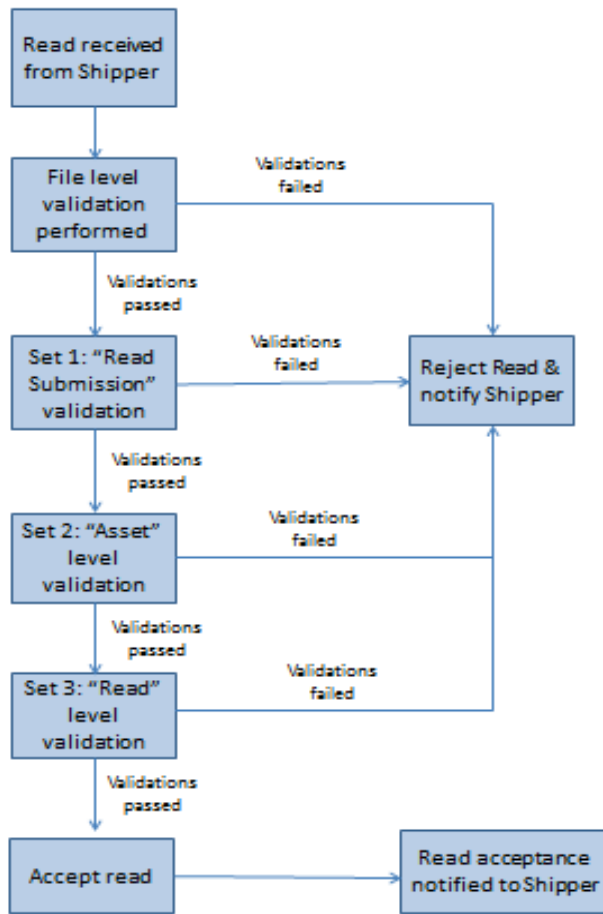
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Appendix C: Meter Reading Agency HHT (On Site) Validation

Note: The following is the obligation of the Users. The Transporter will not be required to carry out the following checks.

- 1 Validation for this input will be performed at the time of data capture on the HHT.
- 2 The meter reading will be checked to ensure that it is within a specified range either side of an estimated reading. This is known as an Inner Tolerance Range (ITR). The estimated reading will be calculated using the consumption history and the AQ of the meter.
- 3 If the meter reading input is outside the ITR, the meter reader will be required to re-input the meter serial number. If this number is that on the HHT (the correct meter) then they will be required to re-input the reading. This confirms the accuracy of the first reading or corrects an error on the first attempted input. If the meter number differs a meter exchange will be initiated. Similar checks are to be performed on convertor readings.
- 4 A check will be made on the number of digits for a meter reading i.e. six digits must be input for a six dial meter. No alteration to the number of dials can be made on the HHT. Any anomalies discovered will be reported as they generally signify meter exchanges.

Appendix D: Read Validation Process Flow



read received within the read submission timescales, including the transfer reading (Opening read) and Check Read

- an actual read can not be replaced for Class 1 and 2 meter points

- all expected reads are received e.g. corrected and uncorrected reads where a Convertor is recorded

- meter point status is 'Live' and asset status must not be 'Removed'

asset serial number matches the serial number held (fuzzy match)

- reading provided must equal the number of dials and digits recorded for the asset

Read validation tolerances

- Convertor tolerance check

- for replacement reads, a read exists for the same date on UKLink

- for replacement reads, the Shipper submitting the read was the registered Shipper on the date of the read

- for replacement reads, the read is not within the period of a consumption adjustment

- for replacement reads, the read is not within the Check Read period

For each group all relevant validations will be performed and rejections provided in the notification to the Shipper.

If the read submission fails the first set of validations "read submission", all relevant checks will be performed and any that fail the validations will be notified to the Shipper i.e. if there is more than one failure reason all will be communicated to the Shipper via the relevant rejection code.

Where any failures are recorded the next set of validations “Asset” will not be executed.

If the “read submission” validations pass, the second set “Asset” will be performed. All relevant checks for that set of validations will be performed and any that fail the validations will be notified to the Shipper.

Where any failures are recorded the next set of validations “Read Validation” will not be executed.

All rejections in each set of validations will be notified to the Shipper.

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If both the “Read Submission” and “Asset” validations have passed the third set of validations “Read Validation” will be performed.

Only where all 3 sets of validations have passed will the read be accepted. Process flow included under Appendix D.

Note: Please refer to the appropriate rejection codes for the complete list of read rejections.

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A completeness test to ensure that all the readings expected have been received.

4.2 An instrument configuration test i.e. to ensure that the convertor and the meter reading are received where a convertor is fitted.