

Representation - Urgent Modification 0573

Project Nexus – deferral of implementation of elements of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements

Responses invited by: **16 February 2016**

Representative:	Graham Wood
Organisation:	British Gas
Date of Representation:	16 February 2016
Support or oppose implementation?	Support
Relevant Objective:	f) Positive

Reason for support/opposition: Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s)

British Gas is supportive of the approval of Urgent Modification Proposal 0573. We continue to support the industry implementation of the core Nexus solution on 1 October 2016 and believe that all reasonable steps should be taken to de-risk its delivery and improve the chances of a timely implementation.

We therefore agree with the decision taken by the Project Nexus Steering Group to defer RAASP in order to protect core delivery and enable the diversion of resources onto high priority areas that are currently behind plan. We would like to see Xoserve communicate with Shippers detailing how they are diverting resources to improve the current position, so that we can gain assurance and confidence in the steps they are taking and the positive consequences of RAASP deferral.

Implementation: *What lead-time do you wish to see prior to implementation and why?*

We concur with the deferral of RAASP from the Project Nexus Go Live date of 1 October 2016.

Impacts and Costs: *What analysis, development and ongoing costs would you face?*

Whilst we welcome deferral, the resulting interim solution will require additional resources within both Transporter and Shipper organisations, increasing overall project delivery costs. It is important that once the core elements of Project Nexus are delivered, Xoserve ensure that they appropriately communicate the ongoing actions and deliverables being progressed to deliver the enduring RAASP solution.

It should be recognised that even with the inclusion of the proposed RAASP interim workaround arrangements; this will not stop inaccurate data on the UK Link system. Whilst this is not ideal, given the objectives of Project Nexus to improve on the current system and process failings, in the circumstances we see it as an acceptable risk.

Whilst deferral will extend overall project delivery timescales and increase implementation costs, these costs are outweighed by the benefits associated with the timely delivery of core Nexus functionality.

Legal Text: *Are you satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the Solution?*

Yes

Are there any errors or omissions in this Modification Report that you think should be taken into account? *Include details of any impacts/costs to your organisation that are directly related to this.*

No

Please provide below any additional analysis or information to support your representation

In addition to RAASP there are other requirements that Xoserve have identified they are unable to deliver for 1 October 2016. These requirements, together with RAASP will need to receive priority attention at the appropriate time, to ensure that all of the requirements identified within the Business Requirements Documentation are delivered.