

## **Update for February 2016 UNCC on Procurement of new AUGE (Modification 0473)**

Modification 0473 is due to be implemented in parallel with Modification 0432 (Project Nexus Settlement). Mod 0473 requires the procurement of a new “Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert” (AUGE).

A Stakeholder Evaluation Panel has been established, to give a small cross-section of Industry representatives a meaningful input to the selection process. Xoserve is keeping UNCC informed of progress.

### **February 2016 Update**

Responses to Xoserve’s Invitation to Tender document were received at the end of January. After a phase of individual review, the Stakeholder Evaluation Panel will meet with Xoserve to undertake a group scoring exercise to rank the bidders. We will then invite a small number of bidders to make presentations to Xoserve and the Evaluation Panel.

Due to commercial confidentiality, we are not able to disclose the identities of the bidders to the Industry at this stage.

We will bring a further update to the March UNCC meeting.

The high level timeline presented at December 2015 UNCC is still valid and we still expect to be able to announce the appointment of a new AUGE on or around the June 2016 UNCC meeting.

### **Update on Threats/Challenges to Target Timescales**

- No high impact threats identified at present
- Medium impact threats:
  - *None remaining*
- Low impact threats:
  - Evaluation Panel availability – **reduced to low**, as all meetings are now booked in members’ diaries
  - Xoserve staff availability – **reduced to low**, as all meetings are now booked and contingency resources are available
  - Key AUG deliverable dates not clear due to proposed changes to Framework document – impact reduced following discussions at November meeting
  - ~~AUG Framework document contains minor defects/inconsistencies~~ – *remove, as revised version of Framework document agreed to January UNCC*