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Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum



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Why change?



- Whilst there is a Supply Licence (SLC 21B.4) requirement to take all reasonable steps to obtain a meter reading at least once every year, there is nothing that requires that meter readings are provided into settlement every year to assure settlement accuracy
- It has become apparent, through recent and previous, AQ Review processes that Shippers have readings that are not being provided to the Transporters' Agent through business as usual
- By introducing a requirement to submit a reading into the settlement system every year, there should be an increase in settlement accuracy. It should also ensure that reconciliation does not time out (through "line in the sand")

Solution



- This Modification seeks to place a requirement on Shippers to submit at least one reading into settlement once per year and for this to be used in the settlement process
- The Modification also proposes that reporting is produced by Transporters to monitor Shipper performance

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should:
 - not be subject to self-governance, as it is likely to have a material impact on commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes and on Shippers where they rely on Suppliers for the provision of meter readings into the settlement process; and
 - progress to Workgroup assessment, in order to develop the modification – the Proposer anticipates that this should take around 3 months