

Stage 01: Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

0512:

Amendment to Section M to be consistent with Faster Switching proposals



This modification seeks to align Section M 3.2.9 of the UNC with the proposals set out in Modification 0477 - Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- subject to self-governance
- be issued to consultation



Low Impact:
Shippers and Transporters



Medium Impact:



Low Impact:

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About this document:

This modification will be presented by the proposer to the panel on 18 September 2014.

The panel will consider the proposer's recommendation, and agree whether this modification should be

- subject to self-governance
- be issued for consultation



Any questions?

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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

This modification meets the self-governance criteria as it is correcting an omission in the legal text for Modification 0477 - Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching (Mod 0477), and therefore it is unlikely to have a material effect on existing or future gas consumers, competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas, or any associated activities. Similarly, the operation of one or more pipeline system(s), matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, the management of market and network emergencies and the uniform network code governance and modification procedures are also unlikely to be affected.

Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

Fast track self-governance does not apply as this modification is not properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change.

Why Change?

Mod 0477 set out a new minimum transfer period of 14 Business Days and as such contained an accompanying Supply Point Confirmation window of 2 System Business Days prior to the transfer taking place. This means that meter information cannot be sent to the incoming shipper until this point in time. UNC Section 3.2.9 currently states that the metering information should be sent to the Shippers 7 days prior to the Proposed supply Point Registration Date. This would be within the new Objection Window and as such the transfer would not be assured.

Solution

In order to reflect the spirit of Mod 0477 the UNC should be amended so that the metering information should not be sent until the objection period is finalised which will be 2 days prior to the Proposed Supply Point Registration Date.

Implementation

As Self Governance is proposed implementation could be 16 Days after a Panel decision to do so. However, it would be prudent if implementation were in line with the delivery of Mod 0477 changes, which are due for delivery on 07 November 2014.

Does this modification affect the Nexus delivery, if so, how?

The proposed changes to legal text will need to be considered alongside those approved under Mod 0477 to ascertain any further impacts to the Nexus design.

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User Pays
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.
No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.
N/A
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.
N/A
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.
N/A

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	Positive
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	None
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

Implementation of this modification, alongside Mod 0477, would facilitate Relevant Objective d) Securing of effective competition. The modification will reduce the timeframe for the change of supplier process, providing benefits for consumers as they will be able to change their supplier considerably faster than under the incumbent arrangements. A quicker process will increase consumer confidence and engagement in the change of supplier process and thus positively assist effective competition between suppliers.

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6 Legal Text

Suggested Text

The solution will require amendment to Section M3.2.9. The UNC will need to be amended to state:

'In respect of a Supply Meter Point comprised in a Proposed Supply Point in respect of which the Supply Point Confirmation has become effective, the Transporter will provide to the proposing User the Meter information (as held on the Supply Point Register) on the 7th 2nd Supply Point Systems Business Day before the Proposed Supply Point Registration Date in 90% of instances and in any case on the Proposed Supply Point Registration Date in 100% of cases.'

7 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

- Determine that this modification should be subject to self-governance;
- AGREE that this modification should be issued to consultation.