

Performance Assurance Workgroup

Summary report of East Midlands unread AQ

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1. Introduction

Since July 2014 Xoserve has been undertaking detailed analysis of read information for East Midlands LDZ. The data has been used to support a number of reports to the Performance Assurance Workgroup (PAW).

This is the third of a series of three reports providing the output from the analysis of unread AQ information measured against the requirements set by the meter read frequency of the meter point. The two previous reports are:

- A performance methodology report published in October 2014
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/Performance%20Assurance%20Framework%20Workgroup%20methodology%20report%20v1.0.pdf>
- A report on meter reading submission numbers published in March 2015
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/PAW%20meter%20reading%20performance%20report%20Feb%202015%20EM%20LDZ.pdf>

This report uses the data from reads received to determine the unread AQ within the LDZ.

Whilst the report provides some information, further analysis is required to consider the risk of the current “performance”. The risk is the period beyond which the unread AQ remains unread. At present this has not been considered.

2. Results summary

This report focusses on the unread AQ information. Each meter point has a read frequency; monthly, six monthly and annually (daily metered meter points are excluded from the analysis). Each meter point therefore has a set date by when a meter reading should be received. Where a meter reading is not received by the required date then some impact of that unread meter point can be made.

This report works on the assumption that a meter point, unread beyond its target read date, may create risk to the industry in the form of late reconciliations which will have a community impact. The analysis is based upon a post Mod 0432 arrangements that provides for individual meter point reconciliation.

3. High level results

3.1. Overall LDZ profile

To start with the overall LDZ picture needs to be considered. This is shown in the table below (some figures have been rounded):

| 2014 | Monthly meter read frequency | | | Six monthly meter read frequency | | | Annual meter read frequency | | | |
|------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | No of meter points | Total AQ of meter points | % of LDZ AQ | No of meter points | Total AQ of meter points | % of LDZ AQ | No of meter points | Total AQ of meter points | % of LDZ AQ | Total LDZ AQ |
| July | 10,970 | 10,282,590,000 | 23.55 | 968,000 | 15,172,280,000 | 34.75 | 1,229,000 | 18,208,410,000 | 41.70 | 43,663,280,000 |
| Aug | 10,980 | 10,191,310,000 | 23.32 | 954,000 | 15,224,300,000 | 34.83 | 1,229,000 | 18,292,000,000 | 41.85 | 43,707,610,000 |
| Sept | 10,515 | 10,132,170,000 | 23.67 | 958,000 | 14,847,220,000 | 34.68 | 1,239,000 | 17,834,540,000 | 41.66 | 42,813,930,000 |
| Oct | 10,835 | 10,110,820,000 | 23.81 | 973,000 | 14,714,210,000 | 34.66 | 1,257,000 | 17,632,490,000 | 41.53 | 42,457,520,000 |
| Nov | 11,145 | 10,158,810,000 | 23.19 | 970,000 | 15,034,970,000 | 34.32 | 1,259,000 | 18,609,300,000 | 42.48 | 43,803,080,000 |
| Dec | 10,452 | 10,132,170,000 | 23.38 | 961,000 | 15,068,730,000 | 34.77 | 1,244,000 | 18,138,850,000 | 41.85 | 43,339,750,000 |

3.2. Unread AQ

The next stage of the analysis considers the unread AQ. This is the AQ that should be read in the month. For monthly read meter points this will be all of them, for six monthly and annually read meter points the last read is a minimum of 6 or 12 months previous to the current month.

The unread AQ represents energy that has been allocated but not reconciled. The difference between allocated and reconciled represents the risk to the community, although this should be a temporary risk unless the unreconciled period falls into the code cut-off date (line in the sand).

The unread AQ has been analysed for the monthly population for the months July – December, the six month and annually read populations have been analysed for November and December only.

Monthly population summary

| Monthly meter read frequency | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2014 | Total popn requiring a read | AQ of meter points requiring a read | Amount of AQ read | Percentage of required AQ read | Amount of unread AQ | Percentage unread |
| July | 10,970 | 10,282,590,000 | 7,793,160,000 | 76 | 2,489,430,000 | 24 |
| August | 10,980 | 10,191,310,000 | 6,233,640,000 | 61 | 3,957,670,000 | 39 |
| September | 10,515 | 10,132,170,000 | 7,596,870,000 | 75 | 2,535,300,000 | 25 |
| October | 10,835 | 10,110,820,000 | 8,004,860,000 | 79 | 2,105,960,000 | 21 |
| November | 11,145 | 10,158,810,000 | 7,881,380,000 | 78 | 2,277,430,000 | 22 |
| December | 10,452 | 10,132,170,000 | 7,596,870,000 | 75 | 2,535,300,000 | 25 |

Six monthly read populations November and December only.

This table shows the number of meter points due a read in November and December and their associated AQ read and unread.

| Six-monthly meter read frequency | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 2014 | Total number of meter points | Total popn requiring a read | AQ of meter points requiring a read | Amount of required AQ read | Percentage of required AQ read | AQ unread | Percentage of AQ unread |
| Nov | 970,000 | 246,140 | 3,852,514,952 | 1,130,856,003 | 29 | 2,721,658,949 | 71 |
| Dec | 961,000 | 215,819 | 3,344,359,722 | 910,670,591 | 27 | 2,433,689,131 | 73 |

Annually read populations November and December only.

This table shows the number of meter points due a read in November and December and their associated AQ read and unread.

| Annual meter read frequency | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2014 | Total number of meter points | Total popn requiring a read | AQ of meter points requiring a read | Required AQ read | Percentage of required AQ read | AQ unread | Percentage of AQ unread |
| Nov | 1,259,000 | 47,785 | 647,388,193 | 1,897,987 | 0 | 645,490,206 | 100 |
| Dec | 1,244,000 | 59,219 | 814,022,706 | 189,378,985 | 23 | 624,643,721 | 77 |

4. Pareto Analysis

Having reviewed the data it is apparent that a small number of shippers are responsible for the majority of AQ within each meter read frequency within the LDZ. The shippers differ between the monthly, six-monthly and annual meter read frequency populations.

This information may be of use to the Performance Assurance Workgroup in considering any incentive regime. Whilst performance of all Shippers is important, only a smaller number of shippers have a material impact to the risk of unreconciled energy.

4.1. Monthly read meter points

The following tables show the position for the monthly read population. In each month 7 shippers are responsible for 82 - 85% of the AQ and 82-90% of the unread AQ each month.

| July | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Total AQ for monthly popn | Total AQ in percentage terms | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 10,282,590,000 | 100 | 7,793,156,914 | 2,489,433,086 | 24 | |
| top 7 | 8,695,479,005 | 85 | 6,653,617,688 | 2,041,861,317 | 23 | 82 |
| remainder | 1,587,110,995 | 15 | 1,139,539,226 | 447,571,769 | 28 | 18 |
| August | | | | | | |
| | Total AQ for monthly popn | Total AQ in percentage terms | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 10,191,310,000 | 100 | 6,233,643,140 | 3,957,666,860 | 39 | |
| top 7 | 8,560,958,613 | 84 | 5,279,037,878 | 3,281,920,735 | 38 | 83 |
| remainder | 1,630,351,387 | 16 | 954,605,262 | 675,746,125 | 41 | 17 |
| September | | | | | | |
| | Total AQ for monthly popn | Total AQ in percentage terms | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 10,132,170,000 | 100 | 7,596,868,272 | 2,535,301,728 | 25 | |
| top 7 | 8,403,278,373 | 83 | 6,229,628,503 | 2,173,649,870 | 26 | 86 |
| remainder | 1,728,891,627 | 17 | 1,367,239,769 | 361,651,858 | 21 | 14 |
| October | | | | | | |
| | Total AQ for monthly popn | Total AQ in percentage terms | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 10,110,820,000 | 100 | 8,004,860,770 | 2,105,959,230 | 21 | |
| top 7 | 8,408,473,922 | 83 | 6,505,656,545 | 1,902,817,377 | 23 | 90 |
| remainder | 1,702,346,078 | 17 | 1,499,204,225 | 203,141,853 | 12 | 10 |
| November | | | | | | |
| | Total AQ for monthly popn | Total AQ in percentage terms | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 10,158,810,000 | 100 | 7,881,375,412 | 2,277,434,588 | 22 | |
| top 7 | 8,354,855,455 | 82 | 6,412,738,736 | 1,942,116,719 | 23 | 85 |
| remainder | 1,803,954,545 | 18 | 1,468,636,676 | 335,317,869 | 19 | 15 |
| December | | | | | | |
| | Total AQ for monthly popn | Total AQ in percentage terms | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 10,132,170,000 | 100 | 7,596,868,272 | 2,535,301,728 | 25 | |
| top 7 | 8,325,851,633 | 82 | 6,152,670,694 | 2,173,180,939 | 26 | 86 |
| remainder | 1,806,318,367 | 18 | 1,444,197,578 | 362,120,789 | 20 | 14 |

4.2. Six-monthly read frequency meter points

The following tables show the position for the six-monthly read population. In each month 9 shippers are responsible for 90% of the AQ and 80-90% of the unread AQ each month.

| November six monthly read | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Total AQ for six monthly read population | Total AQ required to be read in the month | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 8 and remainder |
| | 15,034,970,000 | | | | | |
| | | 3,852,514,952 | 1,130,856,003 | 2,721,658,949 | 71% | |
| Larger 8 | | 3,591,721,444 | 1,039,715,404 | 2,552,006,040 | 71% | 94% |
| Remainder | | 260,793,508 | 91,140,599 | 169,652,909 | 65% | 6% |

| December six monthly read | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Total AQ for six monthly read population | Total AQ required to be read in the month | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 8 and remainder |
| | 15,068,730,000 | | | | | |
| | | 3,344,359,722 | 910,670,591 | 2,433,689,131 | 73% | |
| Larger 8 | | 3,102,054,497 | 838,989,929 | 2,263,064,568 | 73% | 93% |
| Remainder | | 242,305,225 | 71,680,662 | 170,624,563 | 70% | 7% |

4.3. Annual meter read frequency meter points

The following tables show the position for the annual read population. In each month 9 shippers are responsible for 90% of the AQ and 80-90% of the unread AQ each month.

| November annually read | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Total AQ for annual read population | Total AQ required to be read in the month | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 18,609,300,000 | | | | | |
| | | 647,388,193 | 1,897,987 | 645,490,206 | 99% | |
| Larger 7 | | 628,493,973 | 1,764,767 | 626,729,206 | 99% | 97% |
| Remainder | | 18,894,220 | 133,220 | 18,761,000 | 99% | 3% |

| December annually read | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Total AQ for annual read population | Total AQ required to be read in the month | AQ read in the month | AQ unread in the month | Unread as AQ % of total AQ | Percentage of unread AQ between top 7 and remainder |
| | 18,138,850,000 | | | 624,643,721 | 3 | |
| | | 814,022,706 | 189,378,985 | 624,643,721 | 77 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Larger 7 | | 791,292,728 | 185,801,061 | 605,491,667 | 77 | 97 |
| Remainder | | 22,729,978 | 3,577,924 | 19,152,054 | 84 | 3 |