

Project Nexus

Impact Assessment:

Delay to Project Nexus Implementation Date

A report for the Project Nexus Workgroup

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1. Introduction

This document has been prepared on the basis that the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID) will be delayed and therefore will not be 1st October 2016. It was confirmed at the Project Nexus Steering Group (PNSG) meeting on 20th September 2016 that the PNID will be 1st June 2017 with a contingency date of 1st July 2017.

This document provides the high level impact assessment of the implications of the change to the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID).

The assessment is split into 2 sections:

1. Topics related to processes undertaken by Xoserve directly or Modifications
2. Topics Related to Industry & Regulatory Change

2. Topics that may be impacted by PNID

2.1 Topics related to processes undertaken by Xoserve directly or Modifications

Topic	Description	Solution options	Impact by delayed implementation	Actions
Demand estimation formula	The new demand estimation formula will go live with Modification 0432	None	Demand Estimation team are developing DAFs etc for current & new demand estimation formula. DESC confirmed implementation is not gas year dependent	None
Mod 0467 - iGT Data Preparation database and data preparation exercise	The iGT data preparation exercise is required to migrate all data to new UKLink. The exercise commenced in January 2015 and was scheduled to be completed by 1 st October.	No change to existing solution principles, however, changes to the frequency of reports from iGTs (monthly, weekly and daily) may need to be made.	The iGT data preparation exercise will continue until PNID.	Consider frequency of reporting from iGTs
Mod 0445 Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity	Mod 0445 Implementation date is stated as 05:00 on 1st October 2015 - no relationship with Mods 0432 or 0434 dates. Mod 0478 which fills the gap for SOQ reductions below BSSOQ until Project Nexus, has an end date of "Project Nexus Go Live Date"	New Mod required to extend the service for the period prior to PNID.	Mod 0445 cannot be delivered until PNID. Mod 0478 expires on 06.00 on "Project Nexus Go Live Date".	None. Implementation date states PNID.
Mod 441 & Mod 514 Continuation of Daily Metered (Voluntary) service until the implementation of Project Nexus Mods	Mod 0514 supersedes 0441. The Mod provides a period of 6 months soft landing in order for the GT daily read equipment to be removed & Shippers to install their own equipment, if required.	None	DMV service continues until 6 months after new PNID.	None. Implementation date states PNID

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			Note: A Confirmation against an appeal with a confirmation effective date after the date the Appeal is invalidated will be rejected			
AQ Amendments process	AQ Amendments process challenges the AQ calculated. The window opens 1 st June & closes 13th August.		PNID	AQ Amendment window Closes	Last AQ Amendment	None. The Amendment window will not re-open.
			1 st June 2017	N/A	N/A	
			1 st July 2017	N/A	N/A	
AQ end of year reconciliation	AQ end of year reconciliation (Mod 640 process), threshold crossers, adjustments are identified following the annual AQ review process in October. Supply Points that have moved from SSP to LSP on 1st October 2016 are subject to a reconciliation process. AQs can be Appealed until 31st December.		PNID	Threshold Crossers determined	Invoice Issued	None
			1 st June 2017	N/A	N/A	
			1 st July 2017	N/A	N/A	
AQ Backstop Date	A Backstop Date is applied during the annual AQ review process. The Backstop Date prevents any reads prior to this date being used in future AQ reviews.	Agreed at PN UNC to retain AQ Backstop Date applied during AQ review & migrate to new UKLink.	PNID	AQ review Backstop Date applied		None
			1 st June 2017	Backstop date applied upto 2016 AQ Reviews		
			1 st July 2017	Backstop date applied upto 2016 AQ Reviews		
BSSOQ	The BSSOQ determined during AQ review process is effective from 1 st October. BSSOQ ceases on PNID – 1 (Mod 0445).	BSSOQ only effective from 1 st October.	PNID	BSSOQ Calculated	BSSOQ Applied	None.
			1 st June 2017	N/A	N/A	
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Ratchets	Ratchet season runs from 1 st October to 31 st May	If PNID is between 1 st October & 1 st June would need to consider migration of data to ensure if any Ratchets are incurred the correct values (SOQ) are applied.		Consider data migration of DM SOQ for PNID of 1 st June gas day (6 th June close out).
Mod 0516: Information provision by large Customers to aid understanding of site characteristics	Mod introduces a 'Site Characteristics Register' maintained by the GTs for large gas customers (Class 1 LDZ sites only) to provide information to the gas transporters for use in emergency plan and constraint management		None	None. Implementation stated in Mod is PNID
Mod 0523 Facilitation of 'faster switching' for Shared Supply Meter Points	Introduces faster switching timescales for SSMP's		Continue current timescales for transfer of ownership for SSMP until PNID.	None. Implementation stated in Mod is PNID
Mod 515 – Resolution timescales for SRVs & USRVs	Provides the transitional arrangements for resolution of USRV's following PNID.	Legal text states that this Mod is implemented at PNID	None, current process would continue	None. Implementation stated in Mod is PNID
Gas day, change to 05:00hrs will still take place on 1st October 2015	Changes the Gas Day from 06.00 to 05.00 hrs	None	None	None
Gemini	As Gemini and UKLP delivery are separate no issues are expected		None	None

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CSEP processes	Continue as is. New transition arrangements and dates will be proposed once the PNID is confirmed		None. Process will remain as is until UKLP implementation	None, existing arrangements continue
All query processes and offline databases remain	A number of processes are managed off-line e.g. Unique Sites, which will continue until PNID	No impact		None, existing arrangements continue
Mod 514: DMV	DM read obligations remain with the GT for a maximum of 6 months from PNID.	No impact	None	None
Mod 451AV Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters	Continue service, conceptually may be issues with start and end dates of adjustments	No impact	None	None
AUGE	Current table applies until 31 March 2016. UNCC agreed in November 2014 not to commence the 2015 process to develop a Statement and Table for 2016/17.	Risk of later implementation already considered by UNCC. Current table will be rolled over or amended by UNCC to apply for the period from 1 April 2016 until Mod 432 implementation.	AUG arrangements will continue until PNID when Mod 0473 AUG arrangements will be effective.	In hand with UNCC
0450B – Monthly revision of erroneous SSP AQs outside the User AQ Review Period	Provide Users with the ability to amend the AQs of a limited amount of SSPs each month outside the User AQ Review Period where these are erroneous	Re-introduce the SSP to SSP Appeal window.	Continue current process which will become obsolete at PNID	None
Mod 0473 - Allocation of Unidentified gas	Allocation of Unidentified Gas from PNID	None	None	None. Implementation of Mod stated as PNID

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Mod 0527 - Implementation of Annual Quantity arrangements (Project Nexus transitional modification)	Validation of the AQ for a transitional period (maximum 3 years) where Aqs use migrated reads for the AQ process.	Migrate from the existing UNC Annual Quantity (AQ) 'backstop' calculation arrangements	None	None, legal text covers transitional period prior to & post Implementation date
Mod 0528 - Implementation of Supply Point Administration, gas allocation and settlement arrangements (Project Nexus transitional modification)	Transitional arrangements required to move from the existing regime to the new arrangements under Mod 0432		None	Implementation Date in legal text states 'Nexus Implementation Date'
Mod 0573 - deferral of implementation of elements of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements	Deferral of retro updates functionality	Assumption that retro updates functionality will be implemented 12 months after PNID	Legal text states: A User may not submit a Retrospective Data Update in accordance with TPD Section M4.3 on a Day prior to 1 October 2017	Update to the legal text required.
Modification 0528 – Project Nexus Transitional Arrangements	Modification provides the business rules for the transition from the current to the new arrangements (Mod 0432)		Rules & dates will need to be revised once the PNID is confirmed	Transition BRD to be updated & Modification raised / amended

2.2 Topics Related to Industry & Regulatory Change

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FGO	<p>Should Project Nexus be delayed beyond 1st April 2017 then FGO Phase 2 implementation may also need to be deferred. This is because the legal text developed for the proposed UNC Modification 0565/DSC arrangements is predicated on the UNC provisions pertaining to UNC Modification 0432 (Project Nexus) being in place. It would be impractical both now and nearer the time to develop transitional provisions for the intervening period due to the complexity of UNC drafting and risk to current FGO delivery. Consideration of this and other associated implications should be subject to further discussion with all relevant stakeholders (NGG consultation response)</p>		<p>Funding changes so that Shippers and IGTs as well as GDNs and NTS pay Xoserve for services</p> <p>New contractual arrangements between industry participants</p> <p>Significant changes to the UNC and IGT UNC legal text to implement these changes</p>	None. Two sets of legal text are being developed.
Performance Assurance Framework	Mod 0520A: Performance Assurance Reporting		Mod introduces low level reporting arrangements for the key industry inputs which impact accurate settlement allocation. Reporting defined for both pre & post PNID.	None. Implementation stated in Mod is PNID
Priority Services register	Sharing of vulnerable customer information within and between gas, electricity (and water) industries		Changes due to be implemented June 2017. This would have provided 8 months following October 2016 to assess & make the changes required. A delay to the October 2016 Nexus implementation date may threaten the June 2017 implementation date for the changes to the new vulnerable customer arrangements	TBD

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CMA remedies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new licences • Significant amendments to codes • The design of new strategic modification processes – from DECC’s strategic policy statement to code modifications and systems delivery 		Volume of meter readings will potentially increase. Impacts on system capacity.	
DCC implementation	Implementation of DCC & smart metering arrangements		All functionality & reporting will be implemented into existing UKLink therefore no impact	None
Central Registration Services				TBD
NGGD Separation	Separation of National Grid Distribution from National Grid Transmission			TBD
Faster switching programme				TBD