

Representation - Draft Modification Report 0550 Project Nexus: Incentivising Central Project Delivery

Responses invited by: **10 March 2016**

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Support or oppose implementation?	Support * <i>delete as appropriate</i>
Relevant Objective:	f) Positive * <i>delete as appropriate</i>

Reason for support/opposition: Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s)

First Utility has been actively participating with transporters and the transporters agency through meetings and forums over a number of years to assist the implementation of the replacement UK Link system. Alongside this, we have invested substantial resource internally to develop internal systems and nurture business processes to suit the guidelines of Project Nexus. This work was undertaken with the intention of an implementation of 1st October 2015.

We have continued to support the project despite the deferral of the project until 1st October 2016 following implementation of modification UNC 0548. Our dedicated resource has continued unabated to be in a position for the new implementation date.

We fully support the modification to incentivise the transporters to deliver elements of Project Nexus which remain on course for delivery on 1st October 2016. Certain aspects of the programme have been removed to ensure the delivery of a core system is prioritised.

Our support of this modification does not detract from our focus to have systems and processes in place to fully participate in the ongoing work to deliver Project Nexus.

Implementation: *What lead-time do you wish to see prior to implementation and why?*

We would expect to see implementation of this modification immediately following the authority decision to implement.

Impacts and Costs: *What analysis, development and ongoing costs would you face?*

We would not face any ongoing costs following a positive decision to implement by the authority.

Legal Text: *Are you satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the Solution?*

The legal text states that a penalty would become due if a transporter actively did something that caused a delay to the project. We are concerned that it would be difficult to prove that a certain action resulted in any delay and therefore find the legal text inadequate.

Specifically, we would like to see text under section 22.1 relating to Transporter inaction leading to the project being delayed also triggering incentive payments.

Further, the transporters are ultimately responsible for delivery of the new system and therefore any delay in the delivery of the agency system, regardless of the cause, should trigger incentive payments.

Are there any errors or omissions in this Modification Report that you think should be taken into account? *Include details of any impacts/costs to your organisation that are directly related to this.*

No further comments

Please provide below any additional analysis or information to support your representation

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