



Seasonal Normal Review

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Background

- The Seasonal Normal Value of the Composite Weather Variable (SNCWV) is a key parameter used in various industry calculations
- The current basis of 'Seasonal Normal' was derived during 2009 and became effective from GY 2010/11
- The next review of Seasonal Normal is scheduled to take place during 2014 with a planned implementation effective for GY 2015/16
- The main difference in industry arrangements since last review is the changes in Section H UNC which now places the responsibility onto DESC

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- 1.5.4 “*The relevant Sub-committee will, at appropriate frequencies determined by it, after consultation with the Uniform Network Code Committee or any other relevant Sub-committee, review and where appropriate revise (with effect from the start of a Gas Year) the seasonal normal value of the Composite Weather Variable for an LDZ*”
- To meet this obligation work has been in progress since last year in developing a Climate Change Methodology which can support the derivation of a new SNCWV for next year

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Climate Change Methodology Update

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- DESC defined a set of Technical requirements for the Climate Change Methodology (CCM)
- Xoserve selected Met Office as Service Provider for delivering CCM
- Xoserve requested support from industry experts – ‘Stakeholder Group’ – to ensure output delivered is in line with DESC’s Tech. reqs
- So far there has been 4 meetings of the Stakeholder Group with good progress being made
- The Met Office planned deliverables are on target

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CCM Update 2

- During Feb the first draft of the CCM due to be delivered to Xoserve
- Stakeholder Group have an approximate 4 week period of review and challenge
- Hopefully prior to the DESC meeting on 25th March Xoserve and the Stakeholder Group will be in a position to recommend the document to DESC
- As this is a DESC responsibility, members of DESC will be asked to provide approval of the CCM before phase 2 of the project can commence

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CWV Optimisation

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- As part of the analysis work related to the Seasonal Normal Review, a major component is the review of the Composite Weather Variable formula (CWV)
- This review is referred to as 'CWV Optimisation'
- The next review of the CWV is scheduled to take place during 2014
- The output from this analysis feeds into the final SNCWV calculations
- Again the industry arrangements since the last review have changed with Section H UNC placing the responsibility onto DESC

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- 1.4.2 *“The relevant Sub-committee will, at appropriate frequencies determined by it, after consultation with the Uniform Network Code Committee or any other relevant Sub-committee, review and where appropriate revise (with effect from the start of a Gas Year) the formula by which the Composite Weather Variable for an LDZ will be determined.”*
- To meet this obligation Xoserve needs to commence work during Q1 of 2014.
- Are DESC happy for this to be delegated to the Technical Workgroup (TWG) ?

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