Summary of Key Messages from DESC on 2nd March 2022

Agenda Item Outcomes

Agenda Item 2.0: Updates on 2021/22 Ad-Hoc Work Plan

• DESC agreed to make changes to the rules used in EUC Demand Modelling for defining holiday periods. The revised rules affect the Christmas/New Year period, the early May Day Bank Holiday period and the August Bank Holiday period. These changes are designed to improve the modelling accuracy by using different holiday rules for geographical areas and EUCs.

Results available here

Agenda Item 3.0: Modelling Approach 2022 – Gas Year 2022/23

• DESC approved the approach for how this year's EUC Demand modelling will be carried out. The modelling output will then be used to produce the Demand Profiles for Gas Year 2022/23.

The main headlines in this year's approach are:

1) Change to the holiday code rules (as above)

2) Use of SMART data for building the Prepayment EUC model ("01BPD")

3) Agreement that the I&C EUCs WILL use the latest 12 months data*

Material available here

*Last year due to the impacts of the National COVID-19 lockdowns the analysis data collected was not used in the modelling process for I&C EUCs.

A final version of the Modelling Approach will be available to DESC and the wider industry over the next few days and will be published <u>here</u>