

AOB – Publication of Load Factors and WAR Bands

Until October 2016 the final WAR bands and Load Factors (LFs) were published:

1. Within the Xoserve secured area. Access to which is granted upon request with valid need
2. Within each Transporter Pricing statement – the benefit being that this information is a key part for a shipper/supplier in calculating a NDM transportation charge
3. By the ENA, collating the information into a simple table, available to all

On request of Xoserve the October 2016 LFs and WAR bands were restricted to only the shared area. Pricing statements were amended by the networks to include the following statement, including on the main ENA webpage:

Please note the EUC Load Factors and the other NDM Parameters are now available to all Users electronically via the Xoserve secure internet site.

This is accessed by clicking on UK Link Secured Documentation link on webpage <http://www.xoserve.com/index.php/our-systems/extranet-secured-sites>. Location: 'UK Link Secured Documentation', 'Folder 18', '20xx-xx Gas Year'.

Transporters have received stakeholder feedback that the presence of this data is of use within the pricing notifications. It is considered easier to access, and closely linked to transportation pricing therefore efficient having it in the same place, and aids understanding in the application of prices.

It has also been noted that should an organisation wish to, it could backward engineer all load factors by iteratively amending the published Gas Transportation Pricing Calculator (located <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DNcharges>) therefore considered to already be publically available.

The Distribution Pricing Managers (which each DN is represented) request confirmation from DESC that there is no unforeseen risk of reintroducing this information to publically available information. Specifically:

1. Each DN to put their information within their charging statements (updated each January to March)
2. The pricing calculator be amended to show the single version of all LF/WAR bands (updated each October and April).

The requirements placed on networks to assure data prior to publication minimises the risk that any information published is not accurate.