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Dear Colleague

The 2nd draft 2013 AUGS for 2014/15 is now published for consultation which will end at 5pm on 7th August 2013 (5 working days before the next UNCC meeting on 15th August as per AUGE Guidelines).

This draft of the AUGS is very much based upon on the 1st draft published in May with updates to the methodology, data used and additional sections covering analyses undertaken to investigate and address issues raised during consultation including updates to previous analyses as appropriate.

The AUGS contains a full description of the methodology which is based on the consumption method developed in 2012.

The first draft AUGS introduced improvements to the following elements of the methodology:

- Better handling of Read Units
- Handling the impact of Mod 0424
- Improvements to the use of AQs in the Shipperless/Unregistered site calculation process
- Improved theft proportion estimation process

This second draft AUGS addresses a number of consumption data related issues:

- Improved AQ selection for consumption validation
- Addressing gaps/overlaps in consumption read data
- Addressing potential double accounting issues of primes/sub meters and meters that are re-assigned to a different LDZ
- Improved meter exchange information (including cosmetic meter changes)
- Improved estimate of CSEP consumptions
- Applying seasonal normal adjustment to prevent bias arising from periods of unusually warm or cold years

In addition the following areas of the methodology have been improved:

- Improvements to the Shipperless/Unregistered site calculation process

The impact of the above improvements on total UG and split between LSP and SSP sectors vary in both magnitude and direction. In the AUGS we have highlighted the number of meters affected where possible. The overall impact of the improvements will not be fully known until we have run a full consumption recalculation with the latest data sets

(for example the latest Shipperless and Unregistered meter snapshots will have a bearing on the figures produced for October).

We believe that this iteration of the methodology will provide the most accurate assessment of UG to date.

Following this short consultation, the AUGÉ will publish recommended changes (as appropriate) and responses by 22nd August 2013, with the aim of the AUGS being approved by UNCC on or around 2nd September.

In the meantime any initial queries arising can be sent to the AUGÉ mailbox, AUGE@gl-group.com.

Yours sincerely

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