

UNC Final Modification Report	At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>UNC 0617S:</h1> <h2>Revised UK Link Manual delivery date</h2>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #008000; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 5px;"> 01 Modification </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #0000FF; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 5px;"> 02 Workgroup Report </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #800080; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 5px;"> 03 Draft Modification Report </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #FF8C00; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 5px;"> 04 Final Modification Report </div> </div>
<p>Purpose of Modification:</p> <p>This UNC Modification is necessary to change the delivery date for a new and revised UK Link Manual (a CDSP Service Document) within the UK Link Framework Document being part of the Data Services Contract (DSC).</p>	
	<p>The Panel determined that this self-governance modification be implemented.</p>
	<p>High Impact: None</p>
	<p>Medium Impact: None</p>
	<p>Low Impact: Central Data Service Provider, Transporters (including iGTs), Shippers.</p>

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Modification timetable:		
Initial Modification discussion	23 March 2017	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	20 April 2017	
Consultation (reduced period of 9 Days) close-out for representations	04 May 2017	
Final Modification Report available for Panel	05 May 2017	
Modification Panel (Ad hoc) decision	09 May 2017	

1 Summary

What

This proposal seeks to defer the delivery date of the amendments to the UK Link Manual as required in the UK Link Framework Document.

Why

National Grid Gas Distribution Limited (NGGD) has raised UNC Modification Proposal 0613S 'Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document' to expedite the implementation of a new and revised UK Link Manual document, which will replace the existing manual from 01 June 2017, this being the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID). However, the Central Services Data Provider (CDSP) Xoserve has advised that it is not possible to make the relevant changes in time for the above date.

With the significant changes resulting from the implementations of both the Funding Governance and Ownership (of Xoserve) work and Project Nexus, the task is more difficult than first anticipated. It is preferable that additional time is taken to ensure that the manual is accurate.

How

The UK Link Manual Framework Document will be updated to reflect a new UK Link Manual 'delivery' date being 31 July 2017.

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance

Self-Governance Criteria:

This modification only seeks to amend the date for delivery of a new and revised UK Link Manual under the DSC and therefore has no material impact on any of the self-governance criteria.

Justification for Consultation:

This modification only seeks to change the delivery date of the UK Link Manual, and that the proposal (including legal text) is complete and requires no further assessment at Workgroup. Consequently, it is recommended that Panel issue it directly to consultation. It is also requested that to permit implementation prior to the PNID, that a shortened consultation timescale of 9 Business Days applies and that an implementation decision is taken at an ad-hoc Panel meeting on or around 08 May 2017.

Requested Next Steps

This modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- proceed to Consultation

Panel Determination on Governance

At its April 2017 meeting, Panel agreed that the proposal should follow self-governance procedures and proceed directly to a short consultation.

3 Why Change?

The UK Link Manual Framework Document, (implemented by Modification 0565A Central Data Service Provider – General framework and obligations) see paragraph 1.5.4 in the following link <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/UK Link Manual Framework Document.pdf> explains that prior to the PNID (01 June 2017), a revision of the UK Link Manual will be required in the context of the Nexus Modifications and it is intended that, as part of such revision, the different component parts of the UK Link Manual will be consolidated into a new and revised UK Link Manual.

This modification is proposed because it is necessary to defer the above date to permit the CDSP more time to deliver a new and revised UK Link Manual. It is not expected that the short deferral timescale will have any adverse impact on UNC parties or customers.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

CDSP Service Document – UK Link Manual.

Knowledge/Skills

No specific knowledge or skills are necessary.

5 Solution

Modification of the DSC is proposed to reflect a revised implementation timescale for a revised UK-Link Manual within the UK Link Manual Framework Document, being 31 July 2017.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

Neither the SCR nor any significant industry change project is impacted.

Consumer Impacts

No consumer impacts are identified. The UK Link Manual is solely concerned with systems and process interactions between UNC parties.

Cross Code Impacts

No cross-code impacts have been identified.

EU Code Impacts

No EU Code impacts identified.

7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

This modification seeks to ensure that an 'enduring' UK Link Manual can be implemented in a reasonable time following implementation of Project Nexus. The additional time allowed would enable the CDSP to produce a higher quality product than would otherwise be the case should the prevailing timescales be adhered to. This could be expected to facilitate GT Licence relevant objective f) *Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code*.

8 Implementation

As self-governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a unanimous vote in favour of implementation by the Modification Panel, subject to no Objection being raised.

9 Legal Text

Legal Text has been provided by National Grid Gas Distribution and is included below.

The Panel has considered the Legal Text and is satisfied that it meets the intent of the Solution.

Text Commentary

Notes

1. This table is based on the legal text for Modification 0617.
2. Modification 0617 makes an amendment to the date for completion of a post-Nexus version of the UK Link Manual.

DATA SERVICES CONTRACT UL LINK MANUAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT		
Ref	Topic	Explanation
1.5.4	Date for completion of revised UK Link Manual	Paragraph amended to make clear revised and consolidated UK Link Manual will be completed by 31 July 2017 and will replace the existing UK Link Manual with effect from a later date to be determined pursuant to a further Code Modification.

Text

DATA SERVICES CONTRACT

UK LINK MANUAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Amend paragraph 1.5.4 to read as follows:

- 1.5.4 It is acknowledged that:
- (a) ~~prior to~~ by reason of the changes to the Code to be introduced with effect from the Project Nexus Implementation Date, a revision of the UK Link Manual will be required in the context of the Nexus Modifications; ~~and~~
 - (b) it is intended that, as part of such revision, the different component parts of the UK Link Manual as provided in paragraph 2.1.1 will be consolidated into an integrated UK Link Manual; and
 - (c) ~~the revised UK Link Manual will be completed by 31 July 2017, and it will be given effect~~ (and replace the Existing UK Link Manual) on such date as is determined pursuant to a Code Modification.

10 Consultation

Panel invited representations from interested parties on 20 April 2017. The summaries in the following table are provided for reference on a reasonable endeavours basis only. We recommend that all representations are read in full when considering this Report. Representations are published alongside this Final Modification Report.

Implementation was unanimously supported in the 5 representations received.

Representations were received from the following parties:

Organisation	Response	Relevant Objectives	Key Points
Cadent	Support	f - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will permit additional time for the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP) to produce a new and revised UK-Link Manual. Concurs with the Self-Governance Status. Satisfied the legal text meets the requirements of the modification.
National Grid NTS	Support	f - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The additional time allowed would enable the CDSP to produce a higher quality product than would otherwise be the case should the prevailing timescales be adhered to. Agrees with the Self-Governance Status. Satisfied the legal text delivers the intent of the Modification.
Npower	Support	F - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agrees that it is better to defer the delivery date of the amendments to the UK Link Manual as required in the UK Link Framework Document to 31 July 2017 as it is better to get a quality product, even if it's later than something that has been rushed. Agrees with the Self-Governance Status. Satisfied the legal text delivers the intent of the Modification.
Scotia Gas Networks	Support	f - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will provide the CDSP with more time to deliver a revised UK Link Manual under the DSC. Considers the Self-Governance Status is suitable. Satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the Solution.
Wales & West Utilities	Support	f - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will enable the UK Link Manual to be updated correctly for the Project Nexus changes. Although ideally an updated UK Link Manual should be ready for PNID, it is better to have a short delay rather than implement one which subsequently needs significant revision. Agrees with the Self-Governance Status. Satisfied the legal text delivers the intent of the Modification.

Please note that late submitted representations will not be included or referred to in this Final Modification Report. However, all representations received in response to this consultation (including late

submissions) are published in full alongside this Report, and will be taken into account when the UNC Modification Panel makes its assessment and recommendation.

11 Panel Discussions

Discussion

The Panel Chair summarised that Modification 0617S would defer the delivery date to 31 July 2017 for the revised UK Link Manual as required in the UK Link Framework Document. This would allow additional time for the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP) to correctly reflect the Project Nexus changes.

Members considered the representations made noting that implementation was unanimously supported in the 5 representations received.

Members agreed with respondents and the Proposer that the additional time this modification proposes was desirable as it would enable the CDSP to produce a higher quality product than would otherwise be the case should the prevailing timescale be adhered to.

Consideration of the Relevant Objectives

Members considered relevant objective f) *Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code*, agreeing that implementation would have a positive impact because a high-quality UK Link Manual would better serve industry needs in the future.

Determinations

Members voted unanimously to implement Modification 0617S.

12 Recommendations

Panel Determination

Members agreed that Modification 0617S should be implemented.