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Supplier Obligations for Maintaining Meter Mechanism Codes

This paper sets out the obligations on Suppliers for sending a notification of SMETS1, SMETS2 and AMR installation to the Central Data Services Provider as set out under the RGMA Baseline.

1. Background

- 1.1 Modification UNC 0632¹ was raised on 9 October 2017, to improve the accuracy of asset data held by Xoserve on behalf of industry parties. The proposer has identified that there is an under-recording of Smart Meters or Automated Meter Readings (AMR) devices within central systems compared to published Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BEIS) statistics. This under recording will impact the ability to report on compliance with the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) remedy, mandating Shippers to submit reads on a monthly basis for all Smart and AMR meters from 01 April 2018. It is hoped that increased frequency of meter reads will reduce the fluctuation in Unidentified Gas across the industry.
- 1.2 As part of on-going discussions with the Joint Office and UNC Panel, it was requested that a paper was written to clarify the existing obligations on Suppliers for sending meter mechanism codes.
- 1.3 Currently the obligation is set out in the Retail Gas Metering Arrangements (RGMA) Baseline which is an ancillary document of SPAA. Compliance with the RGMA Baseline is mandatory for all domestic suppliers and optional for I&C Suppliers. This document sets out the obligations on suppliers to ensure their MAM and MAPs furnish them with information on meter installations, meter works and updates to technical details when they are identified to be incorrect.
- 1.4 The SPAA Secretariat has recently published the RGMA Baseline Document in an open online searchable tool for any interested party to use. Following this publication, the Secretariat has been working with the Industrial and Commercial Suppliers and Shippers group (ICoSS) to gain agreement from I&C Suppliers that they will voluntarily sign up to RGMA Version 6.1 which will ensure a consistent approach to updating metering details across all market participants.

2. RGMA Requirements

¹ Shipper asset details reconciliation

2.1 The sections below summarise the current RGMA requirements, and the relationships between Suppliers, Shippers and the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP).

SMETS Obligations

2.2 Within the RGMA Baseline document, the Meter Mechanism Code (A0085) contains details of the meter type, including codes for Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) 1 and SMETS2 metering systems. The sending of this data item within the ONJOB flow is currently optional, which means if the information is available, then the data item will be populated. In addition, there is a statement that this data item is mandatory for prepayment meters. A change to the RGMA Baseline is currently being progressed (CP17/401) as part of the RGMA Review Phase 2, to mandate the sending of Meter Mechanism Code by the MAM to Supplier and Supplier to Shipper, and Shipper to CDSP.

AMR Obligations

2.3 SPAA CP 14/284² was implemented on 01 June 2017 as part of the Project Nexus suite of changes and sought to add AMR device to the valid set for Asset Class Description (A0152). Since then, the RGMA Working Group have amended the Asset Class Code to mandatory for ONJOB install, remove and exchange flows. Therefore, when an ONJOB is sent by the MAM to notify the Supplier of the installation of an AMR asset, it will be clearly labelled as such. This information will then be provided to the CDSP, via the Shipper.

3. Recommendation

3.1 The UNC Panel and Modification 0632 Workgroup is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of the paper.

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² Record Presence of AMR and Provider