

Stage 02: Workgroup Report

0386:

Extending rights to Protected Information provisions for Meter Asset Managers / Registered Metering Applicants – unpopulated MAM id records

This modification is intended to permit the release of the supplier id to a MAM / RMA (following a request from the MAM/ RMA) in circumstances where no current MAM Id is held on central systems. The release of data is limited to Lloyds registered MAMs and would be on an individual MPRN request basis.



The Workgroup recommends that this self-governance modification should now proceed to Consultation



High Impact:
N/A



Medium Impact:
N/A



Low Impact:
Transporters' Agent.

What stage is this document in the process?



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About this document:

The purpose of this report is make a recommendation to the Panel, to be held on XX XXXX 201X, on whether Modification 0386 is sufficiently developed to proceed to the Consultation Phase and to submit any further recommendations in respect of the definition and assessment of this self-governance modification.



3 **Any questions?**



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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification

It is proposed that this modification is treated as a Self-Governance Modification Proposal.

Why Change?

Current provisions in the UNC permit the release of supplier and meter asset information to a MAM where they are recorded as the registered MAM on the central systems operated by xoserve.

There are and will be instances where the MAM id is not populated and a MAM cannot be provided with any information. In May 2011 circa 263,000 supply meter points did not have a MAM id assigned to them.¹

The MAM is therefore unable to establish the identity of the supplier to the meter and to take the necessary action to establish the nature of their records and if required complete commercial arrangements for metering services and ensure data accuracy between industry participant systems.

This change would, with sufficient controls in place, permit the release of the supplier id, meter serial number and meter model, to a requesting MAM.

Solution

Provide a provision in Section V of the UNC to permit the release of supplier id and meter serial number to an enquiring MAM where the MAM id is not populated on central systems.

Impacts & Costs

There are no anticipated costs associated with this Proposal, because any costs incurred by the Transporters' agent in dealing with telephone calls and reporting requirements would be recovered from the requester.

Implementation

As a "permissions" modification it can be implemented immediately following Panel approval.

The Case for Change

Despite much effort by all parties concerned there are still a significant number of blank MAM ids on the central systems. Currently when a change of supply occurs in this situation it is time consuming for MAMs and Suppliers to resolve. This proposal would provide a more efficient mechanism for resolving the situation, as it would enable the Transporters' Agent to release the identity of the Supplier to a MAM when provided with the MPRN where the MAM id is blank on the central systems.

Recommendations

[The Workgroup considers that the [self-governance] modification is sufficiently developed and should now proceed to the Consultation Phase.]

¹ Source xoserve, May 2011

2 Why Change?

The responsibility for populating the MAM Id on central systems rests with the supplier/shipper supplying the supply meter point.

Currently, Meter Asset Managers have great difficulty in identifying a supplier to a meter where the supplier (via their shipper) has not populated the MAM Id data on the central systems. As a result, data inaccuracies persist and in the event of a change of supplier activity the incoming shipper/supplier will not know the identity of the MAM.

This change would enable MAMs to contact the supplier and establish the correct data and commercial records as necessary.

In May 2011 there were circa 263,000 supply meter points where the MAM Id has not been populated.

There is anecdotal evidence that suggests where a shipper/supplier acquires a supply point where the MAM Id has not been populated by the current supplier, that the incoming shipper/supplier do not know the identity of the MAM and cannot establish commercial arrangements.

In some cases the end consumer may be affected as supply meter points without a MAM id populated against them are excluded from the PEMS arrangements and in the event of a gas leak on the meter the meter is made safe and the consumer left to sort out the exchange arrangements.

This proposal would reduce this number of meter points without a MAM Id.

The proposal may also reduce the risk of duplicate records existing in industry participants systems.

3 Solution

The proposed solution is to amend UNC section V to permit the release of data to an enquiring MAM where the MAM id has not been populated on the central systems.

The enquiring MAM would be validated as a valid MAM by checking against the Lloyds Register of approved MAMs. See

<http://www.lr.org/sectors/utilities/schemes/mamcop.aspx>

4 Relevant Objectives

Implementation will better facilitate the achievement of **Relevant Objectives a, d, and e.**

Proposer's view of the benefits against the Code Relevant Objectives	
Description of 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.	Improvements to the change of supplier and MAM appoint/de-appoint process are expected
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.	Improvements may occur in this area
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code	None

5 Impacts and Costs

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

Will the modification be impacted by or have an impact upon wider industry developments? If an impact is identified the Workgroup should justify why the benefit of the modification outweighs the potential impact.

Costs

As a "permissions" only modification no costs are anticipated with the proposal.

Indicative industry costs – User Pays
Classification of the proposal as User Pays or not and justification for classification
There are no costs associated with the implementation of this proposal to UNC parties and it is not classified as User Pays
Identification of Users, proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and justification
Not applicable
Proposed charge(s) for application of Users Pays charges to Shippers
Not applicable. If any costs were to arise as a result of xoserve providing this services these costs would be recovered from Meter Asset Managers
Proposed charge for inclusion in ACS – to be completed upon receipt of cost estimate from Xoserve

Impacts

Impact on Transporters' Systems and Process	
Transporters' System/Process	Potential impact
UK Link	• None
Operational Processes	• None
User Pays implications	• None

Impact on Users	
Area of Users' business	Potential impact
Administrative and operational	• None expected
Development, capital and operating costs	• None expected

Where can I find details of the UNC Standards of Service?

In the Revised FMR for Transco's Network Code Modification

0565 Transco Proposal for Revision of Network Code Standards of Service at the following location:
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/0565.zip>

Impact on Users	
Contractual risks	• None expected
Legislative, regulatory and contractual obligations and relationships	• None expected

Impact on Transporters	
Area of Transporters' business	Potential impact
System operation	• None
Development, capital and operating costs	• None
Recovery of costs	• None
Price regulation	• None
Contractual risks	• None
Legislative, regulatory and contractual obligations and relationships	• None
Standards of service	• None

Impact on Code Administration	
Area of Code Administration	Potential impact
Modification Rules	• None
UNC Committees	• None
General administration	• None

Impact on Code	
Code section	Potential impact
TPD V	Revision to permit the release of data

Impact on UNC Related Documents and Other Referenced Documents	
Related Document	Potential impact
Network Entry Agreement (TPD I1.3)	None
Network Exit Agreement (Including Connected System Exit Points) (TPD J1.5.4)	None
Storage Connection Agreement (TPD R1.3.1)	None
UK Link Manual (TPD U1.4)	None

Impact on UNC Related Documents and Other Referenced Documents	
Network Code Operations Reporting Manual (TPD V12)	None
Network Code Validation Rules (TPD V12)	None
ECQ Methodology (TPD V12)	None
Measurement Error Notification Guidelines (TPD V12)	None
Energy Balancing Credit Rules (TPD X2.1)	None
Uniform Network Code Standards of Service (Various)	None

Impact on Core Industry Documents and other documents	
Document	Potential impact
Safety Case or other document under Gas Safety (Management) Regulations	None
Gas Transporter Licence	None

Other Impacts	
Item impacted	Potential impact
Security of Supply	None
Operation of the Total System	None
Industry fragmentation	None
Terminal operators, consumers, connected system operators, suppliers, producers and other non code parties	None

6 Implementation

As a "permissions" only modification there are no issues with implementation.

7 The Case for Change

Advantages

- No advantages, additional to those identified above, have been identified.

Disadvantages

- None identified.

8 Legal Text

Text, either suggested or formal, should be inserted at this point. The status of this text should also be stated.

9 Recommendation

The Workgroup invites the Panel to:

- AGREE that Modification 0386 be submitted for consultation; and
- AGREE that Code Administrators should issue 0386 Draft Modification Report for consultation with a close-out of XX XXXX 201X and submit results to the Panel to consider at its meeting on [Panel meeting date].