

# 0564R -- Review of Annual Read Meter Reading requirements

**Must Read requirements**

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3.6.1 Subject to paragraphs 3.6.4 and 3.6.5, where at the end of any calendar month a User has failed to comply with the requirement in paragraph 3.4.1(a) or 3.5.1(a) in respect of a Monthly Read Meter or (as the case may be) Annual Read Meter:

(a) the Transporter will, unless it appears to the Transporter (in its sole discretion) that the circumstances are such that it would be inappropriate to do so, use reasonable endeavours to obtain a Meter Reading from such Meter and such activity will be performed as a User Pays Service;

(b) the User shall, irrespective of whether the User remains the Registered User of the relevant Supply Point, pay (in accordance with Section S) to the Transporter a User Pays Charge in respect of such User Pays Service.



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3.6.7 Where a User materially or persistently fails to comply with the requirement in paragraph 3.4.1(b) or 3.5.1(b), the Transporter may require the User:

- (a) to submit to the Transporter an explanation for the User's failure to comply together with a proposal to remedy such non-compliance;
- (b) to implement the User's proposal under paragraph (a) as modified after discussion with the Transporter;
- (c) if and for so long as the User fails to comply with paragraphs (a) and (b), to agree to a scheme under which the Transporter will (at the User's expense on the same basis as under paragraph 3.6.1(b)) obtain sufficient Meter Readings from time to time each month to remedy the User's failure to comply with paragraph 3.4.1(b) or 3.5.1(b).



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- Engage Risk Assessment for Performance Assurance states
- 8. The Project Nexus rules set out minimum submission frequencies. For annually read meter points in product 4, Shippers must read 70% of sites in 12 months. There is a risk that the 30% of meter points that the shipper does not read continue to be unread year on year. This results in a risk that some meter points do not obtain a read within the settlement window and reconciliation periods crystallise. Where reconciliation periods crystallise the allocation will not reflect true consumption. This creates a shipper performance risk.
- 5.3.2 Control
- ....The UNC requires the shipper to obtain a read every two years however there are currently no penalties when either the transporter or shipper fail to obtain a read in the appropriate timescale. A performance target could be implemented to support this control.



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- MPRN NGD networks that have not had a read
  - NDM Supply Meter Points
  - MPRN with a live shipper confirmation
  - No Valid Meter Reading received

Start date		End date	MPRN Count
01/10/2013	-	12/09/2014	366,917
01/10/2012	-	30/09/2013	91,603
01/10/2011	-	30/09/2012	25,941
01/10/2010	-	30/09/2011	10,526
01/10/2009	-	30/09/2010	5,691
01/10/2008	-	30/09/2009	3,102
01/10/2007	-	30/09/2008	2,119
01/10/2006	-	30/09/2007	1,474
01/10/2005	-	30/09/2006	1,302
01/10/2004	-	30/09/2005	900
01/10/2003	-	30/09/2004	503
<30/09/2003			1,029
<b>Total</b>			<b>511,107</b>



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- Transporter to initiate 'must read' at:
  - 1 year; or
  - 2 years; or
  - reconciliation close out (currently 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012) – this is initial suggested preference
  - Notice period to be identified
- Considerations for discussion:
  - A 'must read' may fall on a Shipper who has only just picked up the site
  - Notice period given to Shippers of when the must read is due
  - Meter Readings sent in by a Shipper which are rejected and then a must read becomes due