

Update on Procurement of new AUGE (Modification 0473)

Modification 0473 is due to be implemented in parallel with Modification 0432 (Project Nexus Settlement) and introduces the requirement for a new “Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert” (AUGE) into UNC Section E9. The detailed roles, responsibilities and deliverables of the AUGE and other parties are set out in the UNC Related Document “Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert” (available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tpddocs)

The first activity under the Framework is the procurement of a new AUGE, which the Large Gas Transporters have asked Xoserve to undertake. A Stakeholder Evaluation Panel was established, to give a small cross-section of Industry representatives a meaningful input to the selection process. The procurement exercise took the “Criteria for Appointment”, as prepared by UNCC, as its start point.

July 2016 Update

Xoserve is pleased to report that the competitive selection process has now been completed and that DNV GL has been appointed as the AUGE with effect from July 2016, for a term of up to five years. DNV GL was formerly known as GL Noble Denton and was previously the AUGE under the “legacy” Modification 0229 AUGE arrangements.

Xoserve would like to thank the three members of the Stakeholder Panel for their support during the selection process.

Next steps

DNV GL will now mobilise a team of consultants and project managers to start work on developing a methodology for assessing relative contributions to Unidentified Gas (UG).

Under the rules in the Framework, the AUGE is now working to achieve the first deliverable, due no later than February 1st 2017, namely a draft AUG Statement (i.e. a methodology document) and draft AUG Table of UG Weighting Factors for use in sharing out daily Unidentified Gas. The Framework document includes an Interim Table of Factors which will apply from the Project Nexus Implementation Date until the AUGE’s first Table becomes effective, which should be on 1 October 2017.

Xoserve will prepare a one-page summary diagram of the industry interactions which will support the preparation of the first Statement and Table, and will present this at the August UNCC meeting, after which it will be available on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website. We will also confirm any implications to the AUGE service of the change to the Project Nexus Implementation Date.

Should you have any questions about this communication, please direct them to Fiona Cottam, Business Process Manager, at Xoserve, via analytical.services@xoserve.com.

Link to the Mod 0473 page of the Joint Office Website: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0473