

**Draft Terms of Reference – V0.1**  
**UNC Modification Reference Number 0227**  
**Implementation of an Industry AMR database  
to facilitate the change of supply process**

### **Proposal**

Corona Energy propose that the UNC be modified to require the Transporters, via the Transporter Agency, to maintain records of AMR devices installed at each relevant meterpoint. This data should include who is responsible for operating each AMR device and whether the operator is contracted with, for example the supplier or the end user.

It is also proposed that there should be an obligation to provide a mechanism to update this data and to make this data available to shippers during the change of supply process.

Corona believe significant development may be required to implement such a proposal into existing systems and therefore suggest that xoserve, as the Transporter Agency, should work with the industry to develop an appropriate solution.

### **Background**

It is highly likely that in the next 5 years there will be a widespread adoption of AMR equipment and processes by the gas industry. This will be driven by the use of AMR to fulfil energy efficiency requirements of environmental schemes such as the CRC and the EU ETS. It is also likely to be driven by statute and supplier licence change when the current Energy Bill completes its passage through parliament. BERR has already indicated that it proposes to mandate AMR for all sites above 732,000 kWh from January 2014 and for all new meter installations from January 2009.

It is vital that Shippers know where AMR equipment is attached to meterpoints, who operates each AMR device and how the devices are contracted. This will allow Shippers and their Suppliers to comply with the licence condition BERR are imposing from 2014 which effectively means Suppliers must provide AMR equipment if it has not already been provided.

It is worth noting that unlike the meterpoint to meter relationship the AMR to meterpoint relationship is not based on a one to one premise. Multiple AMR units may be attached to one meterpoint. This scenario is already relatively commonplace. Shippers and Suppliers must be aware of any choice in AMR provider so they can make economic and efficient decisions about which AMR operator to use to provide meter reads.

This information must be available to the Shipper and supplier at the time of quoting the customer for the gas supply contract as it can affect the price offered. As the incumbent supplier is likely to know this information it could be a barrier to competition if this data is not provided.

### **Scope and Deliverable**

The Development Work Group is to develop the Proposal in line with the following objectives:

1. Confirm and refine the business rules;
2. Develop the User Pays element of the Proposal;
3. Clarify any interaction or impact with Modification Proposal 0224;
4. Clearly identify any potential advantages or benefits in the administration or operation of the UNC;

