

Agenda: Pre-Modification Panel Briefing
Meeting Details: 13:00, 15 February 2016
Teleconference: 0207 950 1251, access code 21870295#
Documentation at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/180216>

Dear Colleague,

Please note that we will be hosting a pre-Modification Panel briefing by teleconference starting at **13:00 on Monday 15 February 2016**. Discussions will be based on the Modification Panel agenda (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/180216>).

This pre-Panel briefing is intended to provide, in particular, an opportunity for smaller parties, including customer representatives as well as smaller Shippers and Suppliers, an opportunity to feed views into the modification process at critical stages. We therefore expect to focus on new Modifications and those on which the Panel will debate whether or not implementation is supported. Similar teleconferences are held prior to each monthly Modification Panel meeting (third Thursday of the month). Any views on which information would be most helpful to you, or on the time and format of the teleconference, would be welcome.

Modifications that are on this month's Panel agenda are:

New Modifications

Modification 0570 - Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum

Proposed by Scottish Power

This modification was originally deferred by Panel in December 2015 to allow Workgroup 0564R (Review of Annual Read Meter Reading Requirements) to progress to a firmer view of requirements. The Workgroup has indicated that Modification 0570 should now proceed to assessment.

Modification 0570 proposes to create a condition in the UNC to correspond with the requirement on Suppliers under the Supply Licence (SLC 21B.4) to take a meter reading at least once every year for billing purposes. In the case of the UNC this would be for use within gas industry settlement.

The Proposer is not seeking self-governance status for this modification.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0570>

Modification 0574 – Creating the permission to release supply point data to the Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)

Proposed by npower

This modification was provided after the deadline for Panel papers and will be provided as a short-notice item. Panel will decide if it should be considered, or deferred to the next meeting.

In January 2013 new licence conditions were implemented requiring gas Suppliers to detect, prevent and investigate theft (SLC12A), which led to the development of the TRAS. This enabling modification proposes to create permission to release certain relevant supply point data to the TRAS provider to enable them to compare Supplier-provided data with Transporter-held data to improve the TRAS through better exception management and data quality.

The Proposer is seeking self-governance status for this modification.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0574>

Implementation Recommendations

Modification 0573 Urgent – Project Nexus – deferral of implementation of elements of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements

Proposed by National Grid Distribution

The proposer requested Urgent procedures for this modification in order to provide absolute clarity on this matter to the industry at the earliest opportunity. Ofgem agreed (their decision letter is published alongside the proposal) and set a timetable requiring 0573 to have a short consultation ending on 16 February.

This modification proposes to defer certain elements of Modification 0434 “Project Nexus - Retrospective Adjustment” until 12 months after the Project Nexus Implementation Date (ie to 01 October 2017). The deferral is limited to retrospective updates to Supply Meter Point/Supply Point and address data and to Meter Information.

It is essential to the delivery of the core UK Link replacement system under Project Nexus and the associated systems-build has already been deferred by the Project Nexus Steering Group. This proposal provides the formal UNC governance to complete the deferral.

Self-governance does not apply for this modification because of the Urgent status.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0573>

Self-Governance Implementation

Modification 0569S – Removal of the minimum security requirement from the Energy Balancing Credit Rules

This modification proposes that balancing credit requirements be determined for each User solely on the basis of the formula currently contained within Section 2.1 of the Energy Balancing Credit Rules and which is based on each User’s individual throughput. This means that the arbitrary £10,000 minimum security requirement be removed from the Energy Balancing Credit Rules.

The consultation closes on Thursday 11 February and responses will be summarised on the pre-Panel call. Panel members will be asked whether consultation responses have raised any new relevant issues that should be assessed by the Workgroup or, if not, whether the modification should be implemented.

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0569>

I hope this summary is helpful.

Regards,

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