



**Communication Ref** : 1256.1-AT-DA  
**Subject** : Implementation of UNC Modification 431 - User Representations Invited  
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Dear Colleague,

Further to the discussion at yesterday's UK Link Committee regarding solution options for UNC Modification 431, Xoserve were asked to write to parties to provide Users with the opportunity to comment on the intended approach in advance of detailed Xoserve analysis. Users are asked to note that this Modification has yet to be approved, but given that discussions at the 431 Workgroup strayed into solution the Workgroup requested that the views of the UK Link Committee were sought.

UNC Modification 431 requires Suppliers to provide to the Transporters, through their User, the meter points within their Supply Portfolio. Users will be asked to extract this data with effect from a specific date in each gas year; May in Gas Year 13/14, and November for subsequent years. The input data will represent a significant data extract from Suppliers, therefore it is expected that this will be provided in a csv format from the User.

The size of the response file from Transporters shall be reduced as the response shall provide only exception data to Users which indicates where meter points within the Supply Portfolio were:

- Unregistered
- Shipperless
- Not present on the Supply Point Register
- Present on another User's Supply Portfolio
- At a status of dead or extinct on the Supply Point Register

These are to be provided in a report to enable Supply Portfolio reconciliation to take place. Discussions at UK Link Committee and at the 431 Workgroup were that although the modification referenced this as a single report, Users envisaged that this would be separated into individual reports in order to facilitate investigation by Users and Suppliers. UK Link Committee initially indicated that provision of a comma separated variable (csv) file for each such report would be acceptable but requested an opportunity to further consider this.

Users' views with respect to the format of the reports – i.e. csv or an alternative – are invited. Users' comments are also invited with respect to the transmission method of this data. Given the scale of the input data some Users' email systems may prevent transmission via email. This may mean that for such Users this is transmitted physically by disk, or alternatively via I'X. Should Users consider that email is their preferred submission option, Users will need to consider that this may require the input file to be split into smaller files. Similarly, Users are asked to comment on whether the output method would be expected to follow the input method. User representations are invited by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Users are reminded that this Modification is yet to be approved, but Users are also reminded that first issue of these reports would be requested in May 2014. Requesting an I'X solution (which would infer a UK Link System change) would mean that a 6 month notice period would need to be reduced by the Committee. Xoserve will assess User representations and look to discuss this at UK Link Committee in November in order to define a single transmission and formatting solution.

Should you have questions related to this communication please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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