UNC 0845:

Enhancements to Demand Side Response Arrangements, including a D-5 Product

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Why change?

- Some industrial consumers have highlighted barriers to participation in DSR
 - 2m therms pa AQ requirement is too high
 - Unable to reduce demand in prompt timescales
 - Risk of having to reduce their demand to zero
 - Risk of uncapped exercise frequency
- The timescales within which a User holding a DSR option needs to post an offer on the OCM require refinement

Options

- UNC Request 0835R was raised by NGT in February 2023 to consider further DSR workstreams and their relative prioritisation
- From discussions in this Workgroup, and separately with consumers, NGT believes that a Modification to introduce a longer lead-time product and other process enhancements should be progressed, targeting implementation for Winter 2023/24

Solution

Modify the DSR arrangements in 6 ways:

- 1. Enable Users to offer DSR on behalf of Class 2 consumers
- 2. Amend the determination of the demand reduction quantity
- 3. Enable Users to specify a maximum frequency of exercise
- 4. Amend the timescales within which Users holding DSR options are required to post OCM offers
- 5. Enable Users to bid for more than one DSR product on behalf of the same consumer
- 6. Introduce a D-5 DSR product

Recommended Steps

• The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- Not subject to Self-Governance because it is likely to have a material effect on new or existing gas consumers and matters relating to security of supply
 - A new class of consumer would become eligible to participate in DSR
 - The reforms are designed to strengthen gas DSR as a pre-emergency tool and thereby mitigate the risk of a Gas Deficient Emergency
- Subject to Workgroup assessment to develop the modification for 2 months