

# High Level Cost estimate (HLC)

for services related to

## UNC Modification 0518S

### Enhancement to the Gas Safety (Installation & Use) Regulations process

This Cost Estimate is Xoserve's response to the above Evaluation Service Request. The response is intended to support Networks involvement in the development of industry changes.

Should the request obtain approval for continuance then a Change Order must be raised for any further analysis / development.

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**Change Driver / Origin:**

The Gas Safety Installation and Use (GSIU) regulations require Transporters to ensure that any supply point at which a meter has been disconnected 12 months previously is safe. As part of these activities, the Transporters undertake desktop investigations and also conduct site visits. On occasions an MPRN may be identified at which the meter has been removed from central systems but remains in situ at site.

UNC Modification 0518 proposes a reporting process whereby Shippers are informed of any removed meters and are therefore able to make the relevant system updates in advance of the GSIU activities commencing.

**Analysis**

A process is required to enable Suppliers / Shippers to investigate the relevant sites prior to Transporter activity, giving them the opportunity to correct any data issues and minimise potential customer impact.

**Options:**

The following options have common process steps, in that the new service requires a report will be sent to Shippers six months after the month of the Meter removal effective date. This will give Shippers an opportunity to review the meter points and report to the DN any findings (via Xoserve, using a response template) within 30 days. Any Supply point on the response template that qualifies as a UNC Mod 424 / 425 will be raised on CMS by the DN, as soon as possible. The difference between following options relates to the complexity of the 6 month report.

**'Light' Option**

This Option uses a report to communicate to Shippers / Suppliers all the sites at which a meter has been disconnected 6 months previous.

**'Full' Option**

This option uses a report to communicate to Shippers / Suppliers the sites at which a meter has been disconnected 6 months previously but in relation to which there has been system activity suggesting a meter may still be in situ.

**High Level Cost estimate & Timescales:**

*Note: High Level Cost estimate information is not based on any systems analysis and should be used with caution.*

High Level Cost estimates and timescale include EQR, BER, Report development, User testing and Post implementation support.

	Up to £20k	£20k to £100k	£100k to £300k	£300k to £500k	£500k to £1m	£1m +
Up to 3 months		<b>Light / Full (1<sup>st</sup> Year cost)</b>				
3 to 6 months						
6 to 12 months						
> 12 months						

The Operational Team cost (manage process) for subsequent years is likely to be no more than £15k per annum.

*Note: durations are subject to Xoserve resources and priorities at the time that documents are received.*

UNC Modification 0518 is not within scope of the UK Link Replacement Programme, and therefore it should be noted that the above cost estimates and timescales relate to current systems (i.e. Pre Nexus implementation) only. Should the Modification be approved, an impact assessment will be required, which may result in subsequent changes being required, the costs and timescales of which will not be known until this point.

**Funding assumptions:**

UNC Modification 0518 is currently User Pays.

**Xoserve cost estimates not included:**

- External Testing support.

**Analysis****Assumptions:**

- If Shippers report, via the Response template to the DNs (through Xoserve) of a supply point where they have reattached a meter as a result of the 6 month report, it may be raised as a GSR contact (Mod 424 or 425), however site visit charges potentially, may not be incurred.
- Users will be expected to provide responses via a template as developed by Xoserve and the DNs. This is in addition to the system updates.
- The service proposed under Modification 518 will not result in any direct changes to the current GSIU process.
- Users would be expected to make relevant system updates in addition to submitting the Response template.

**Concerns:**

- Initial analysis has shown that a system report may be able to identify Supply points where there has been activity. However, detailed analysis may discover that the report is more complicated than first thought and as a consequence costs will increase.

**Impacts on Xoserve:**

- Extra Full Time Equivalent (FTE) resources may be required.

**Impacts on Distribution Networks:**

- This Modification should reduce the volume of GSR DN site visits required by identifying any meters in situ at an earlier point in the process. Should the re-attachment of an asset result in backbilling activities, early identification of the MPRN as above would result in a shorter reconciliation period and would therefore reduce any financial risk associated with the activities.

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