

## **Mod 0280 – Consideration of Measurement Criteria for evaluating proposed changes.**

The UNC states the 'relevant objectives' that we should be looking to achieve. In particular:

- The efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system and
- Securing effective competition between shippers

DESC aims to meet these objectives by improving the accuracy of gas demand estimation.

Based on the current strawman proposals DESC/the Expert Group will be required to review Demand Estimation performance and review alternative methods.

Currently, for CWV work the accuracy of the Gas Demand Model against actual demand has been calculated for recent years. This has been compared to the potential accuracy using the revised values.

This method of comparison would help guide the decision of DESC however, it is not always expected that the 'best' method will always show itself to produce the most accurate values for a particular historic period.

Additionally, DESC will need to determine whether the value of improvement is worth implementation. Factors such as work / cost required to introduce and maintain the proposed method will need to be considered. Estimations of these factors should be provided when analysis is undertaken.

The current Mod 0280 discussions have included increasing the ability of interested parties to reproduce the calculations used for Demand Estimation.

Once the Expert Group has provided the sets of values for comparisons. (I.e. alternative CWV values for a sample LDZ.) It may be beneficial if DESC members were then permitted a short time to review them before indicating the preferred method.