Britsh Gas Supporting Statement for Withdrawal of UNC Modification 0609A

During Distribution Workgroup 0609, Xoserve provided an update that the alternate 0609A was unworkable and could impact the June Nexus delivery date. It has transpired that Xoserve must stop all AQ Amendment activity by 20 March 17. This includes issuing the T04 file which if issued would amend AQs in the old and new system and add an uncontrolled risk across the shipper community of inflating AQs by 350 TWh.

Whilst under normal circumstances this issue should be taken to PNSG first, there is not time to follow due process, before the Modification is sent out by Panel for consultation. Under duress, to avoid the above misallocation risk and to be pragmatic, British Gas Trading withdraws Modification 0609A.

Following the withdrawal and as per the Workgroup minutes, we expect an Xoserve paper explaining the issue to be presented to PNSG and attached to Modification 0609 report. In addition should Nexus be delayed past 01 June 17, we expect Xoserve under some reasonable endeavours to reopen the AQ Appeals process to help manage AQ manifest errors.