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Colleague,

As part of the DM Elective change following submission of daily reads from the shipper, validations are completed and any rejections/warnings associated with the reads are required to be reported to the shipper. As DM Elective is a tactical change xoserve proposed that the existing RPA file currently used to report these rejections back to the DM Service Providers is used. The RPA file utilised by the DM Service Providers does not conform to UK Link Standards for rejection reporting, this was discussed with the shippers and detailed within the UK Link Implementation Summary document that was submitted for approval. The file formats for DM Elective were submitted in February 2009 for discussion/approval at the April 2009 UK Link Committee meeting, the file formats were subsequently approved.

At the February 2010 UK Link Committee meeting xoserve highlighted to the shippers that the RPA file format that had been previously approved was not to UK Link standard for rejection reporting and questioned if the shippers were still willing to accept this. Feedback was received that this file should follow the UK Link standard for rejection reporting and xoserve have completed analysis to determine the impacts of including this scope change.

As this file will now be in a new format for DM Elective shippers xoserves developers will be required to register a new file extension to report these warnings/rejections - .RPM. The revised file format has been attached.

The high level analysis undertaken to develop this file to UK Link standards has indicated that this scope change will result in a cost of approximately £40,000 with a three week increase to the delivery schedule* for the DM Elective change.

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Shipper Transfer Read Scenarios

xoserve presented the proposed Transfer Read process to the shippers on the 15th March 2010, during the workshop questions were raised surrounding the proposal and the timings around submission of Estimate read files to the shippers. Shippers requested that xoserve complete high level analysis on the following:

- The file providing the Estimate OPNT read is not issued to the incoming shipper on Transfer Day.
- The file providing the Estimate FINT read is only provided to the outgoing shipper post closeout if an Actual read has not been received from the incoming shipper.

xoserve have completed high level analysis and the shipper option PFD has been published on the UK Link Committee meeting website (April 2010) along with the original presentation provided. The high level analysis undertaken to revise the Transfer Read process has indicated that this scope change will result in a cost of approximately £40,000 with a three week increase to the delivery schedule* for the DM Elective change.

xoserve request that shippers note the following:

- In the scenarios DME - NDM and DMV - NDM the shippers will be required to submit their OPNT read as a replacement read as an Estimate will have been generated in the NDM table on Transfer day.
- In the scenarios NDM - DME and NDM - DMM/V the shippers will receive their FINT read as a replacement read an Estimate will have been generated in the NDM table on Transfer day.

If the shippers require the reads not to be submitted/received as replacement reads then further analysis is required by xoserve developers and this is likely to result in a significant increase in the cost and timescales due to the complexity of addressing this requirement.

In addition to the consideration of the above xoserve would request that shippers complete analysis of potential downstream process impacts (such as Energy Balancing) if an Estimate Read is not provided on Transfer day.

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Actions

To summarise the above, the actions on the shippers are as follows:

1. Confirm if the RPA file should be developed to conform to UK Link standards for rejection reporting.
2. Confirm if the Transfer Read solution should be revised to follow the shipper proposed option.
3. Confirm if as part of the Transfer Read solution the shippers are satisfied with submitting/receiving reads for the mentioned scenarios as Replacement reads.
4. Confirm if there are any impacts to downstream processes such as Energy Balancing if an Estimate read is not provided on Transfer day.

Responses to the above actions are required by the 23rd April, xoserve are continuing with the development of the DM Elective change and any delay in provision of the responses may result in an increase in cost and delivery schedule times as previous analysis and coding will need to be re-visited and tested.

Please note that although this will be sent to all shippers for consultancy ultimately the decisions for each of the required potential changes will need to be confirmed at UK Link Committee meeting.

Regards,

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