

Climate Change Methodology

Technical Requirements

Introduction

This document represents the final version of the Demand Estimation Sub-Committee's ("DESC's") technical requirements which will be used as the central reference point before entering the procurement phase for the Climate Change Methodology. This document should be as clear and detailed as possible to ensure the final Methodology is likely to be accepted by DESC.

These requirements were accepted by DESC on 8th April 2013 which is an important step before the formal procurement activity can commence.

Objective

This assignment supports the forthcoming review of the current gas industry Seasonal Normal value of the Composite Weather Variable (CWV) definition. This takes the form of a single view of average weather which applies for around 5 years until the next review.

The aim is to update the current assessment of the impacts of climate change on GB weather, as assessed by the Met Office Hadley Centre's previous "EP2" project. It is important that the assignment maintains peaks and troughs in GB weather where appropriate, as the outputs will be used in prediction of both average and extreme demand.

As the weather data items interact with one another within the current CWV definition, it is also important that the predicted values maintain an appropriate correlation with one another and also that individual values of a single data item are appropriately correlated 'within' days and across consecutive days.

Development of Climate Change Methodology

- The Service Provider will be required to develop a "Climate Change Methodology" ("the Methodology") as described in Uniform Network Code (Section H1.4.5 and Transition Document IIC 11.5.5). This Methodology can be applied to adjust historical weather data to take into account climate change trends.
- The Service Provider must deliver a written Methodology to describe the approach that will be applied to determine the future and historical impacts of climate change trends on GB weather. The Methodology must include a description of the data sources for the calculation and formula/method to be applied in the calculation. The Methodology should be applicable and practicable for all weather stations listed in Appendix 1. The start point for the calculations must be the revised historical dataset as defined as part of the development of the Weather Station Substitution Methodology.
- The Service Provider must provide documentary evidence to support the chosen methodology, including details of any other potential approaches which have been considered but disregarded. The document should include a description of the approach at a high level appropriate for industry participants to understand, without revealing proprietary methods and intellectual property rights.
- The Service Provider will be required to apply the Methodology to generate a series of datasets as described below under "Outputs of the Methodology".

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- The Methodology and datasets delivered by the Service Provider to Xoserve must then be approved by the Demand Estimation Sub-Committee prior to their use by the GB Gas Industry.
- The Service Provider should include a recommendation for when a next review is required to refresh the results derived from the Methodology.

Scope of Methodology

- The Service Provider will be required to develop a Methodology which will be applied to:
 - Hourly data, for all data items
 - History for all data items from 1 January 1960
 - Data up to end of previous complete gas year (a “gas year” runs from 1 October to 30 September each year)
 - Data forward for a period of 10 years starting from 1 October 2015
 - List of required data items:
 - Temperature in °C
 - Wind speed in meters per second
 - List of optional data items, to be subject to a separate quotation:
 - Wind direction in ° (from 0 to 359°, specifying which compass point is represented by 0)
 - Solar radiation in joules per cm² (or other specified measure)
 - Relative humidity in %
 - Precipitation in millimetres
- The Service Provider will be required to provide the data items for a defined list of current GB Weather stations (see Appendix 1)
- The outputs of this service (Methodology and Dataset) must be licensed for disclosure by Xoserve to all UNC parties on request (Gas Shippers and Transporters)

Outputs of the Methodology

The outcome of the assignment (in addition to the methodology) will be an updated view of the predicted impacts of climate change trends on GB weather experience for a number of historical and future years using a base year of 2012/13 as reference point.

The data outputs will be:

- 1) An adjusted view of the historic hourly weather datasets derived from the Weather Station Substitution Methodology phase, reflecting the estimated impacts of climate change based on results from base year of 2012/13
- 2a) Predicted hourly climatological average values for the period 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2025 based on the predicted impact of climate change trends for the future period
- 2b) Predicted hourly increment values – difference between predicted hourly climatological average values and base year averages (2012/13)

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The following principles should be applied:

- Appropriate Correlation between the variables is maintained at an hourly level
- Appropriate Correlation between weather variables on successive days is maintained

Management of delivery of the Service

A small advisory group of key industry stakeholders will be established, following agreement of a contract between Xoserve and the Service Provider, to oversee delivery of the service and provide more detailed guidance on requirements.

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Appendix 1

- Aberdeen 03091
- Aberporth 03502
- Albemarle 03238
- Aviemore 03063
- Benson 03658
- Bristol 03628
- Charlwood 03769
- Church Fenton 03355
- Coleshill 03535
- Edinburgh 03166
- Glasgow 03134
- Heathrow 03772
- Linton-on-Ouse 03266
- Manchester 99029
- Marham 03482
- Plymouth 03827
- Rhyl 03313
- Rostherne No.2 03351
- Southampton 99079
- St Athan 03716
- Stornoway 03026
- Watnall 03354
- Wattisham 03590
- Winterbourne No.2 99062
- Yeovilton 03853