

European Union Third Package: Switching timescales

Distribution Workstream assessment of options.

The topic was discussed at the September Distribution Workstream:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/Third%20Energy%20Package.pdf>

The table below is under development within the Distribution Workstream. Participants are invited to submit assessments for each option, add new options, and add relevant comments. Submissions should be sent to:

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xoserve will collate submissions and regularly update the document and arrange for publishing on the Joint Office website. The final version is expected to be completed by mid October. The assessment of complexity for Shippers/Suppliers will be the mean of all Shipper/Supplier submissions. Any other options added or relevant comments will be included on an anonymous basis.

Version history

Version number	Date	Reason
0.1	27 September 2010	First draft from Distribution Workstream
0.2	29 October 2010	Option 9 added following discussion at 28 October Distribution Workstream

1. Options description

Option 1 “As is” – Assume no change to systems, since current process allows customer transfer within 3 weeks – except where a bank holiday occurs.

Option 2 – Reduction of the Objection window to 4 days – note: would need UNC mod to overcome Scottish Bank holiday.

Option 3 – Reduction of the confirmation window to 4 days – again Scottish BH would need to be overcome.

Option 4 – Reduction of both the objection and confirmation windows

Option 5 – Removal of the objection window and leaving confirmation cancellation window in place.

Option 6 – Begin transfer process during Customer’s cooling off period for those periods when a bank holiday applies. Confirmation could be subsequently cancelled if necessary. Note: would need to consider Confirmation cancellation for LSP if appropriate.

Option 7 – Divorce of the supplier registration dates to Transporter registration dates.

Option 8 – Change UNC rules to treat Bank Holidays as working days.

Option 9 – Utilise the Inter Shipper Dispute process for larger supply points (process detailed in Gas Forum Code of Practise) to correct for those occasions where a Bank Holiday impacts the 15 day period.

2. Assessment table

Complexity scale 1 – least complex, 3 most complex

Option	xoserve	Shippers / suppliers	Others e.g. consumer	Score
1	1			
2	3			
3	3			
4	3			
5	2			
6	1			
7	2			
8	1			
9	1			

Additional notes: