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Mod Title: Provision and Development of Industry
Testing Prior to Nexus Go-Live



Proposer: SSE Supply

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Why change?



- The Transporters and Shippers all need confidence that as they implement their systems to meet the needs of the UK Link Replacement Programme (Project Nexus), that they can assure themselves and gain confidence that their systems are fit for purpose and that they will be able to implement successfully without unexpected impacts
- This can be delivered partially by ensuring that an appropriate level of testing has been conducted

Options



- The Transporters' Agent has made available a testing window for Industry participants, but the testing currently being made available is at its own discretion and is not expected to give Users the reassurance that all Industry participants will have tested and be given the opportunity to test all systems required for full implementation
- Within the Gas Governance arrangements we can see no other route to mandate the Transporters' Agent to provide a full testing regime that has been developed by the Industry

Solution



- A full test strategy, showing phases, defect management / co-ordination, 'bug' fix strategy and cycles of testing allowing more than one run of business processes
- Governance, including criteria for entry, exit, success and failure
- A detailed plan & schedule
- An enduring test environment starting before and going beyond go-live with capability to align environment data with the data cut date and time travel capability
- Appropriate considerations for data, including synchronisation of data sets, sharing of data issues and confidentiality and anonymity

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
- Not subject to self-governance as it is expected to have a material impact on *commercial activities connected with the shipping of gas*
- Passed for workgroup assessment to develop the modification for 2 months