

0535:

Implementation of Non Effective Days to enable Annual AQ Review



Proposer: Scotia Gas Networks on behalf of Xoserve

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Why change?



- UNC Modification 0477 'Faster Switching' reduced the timescales of the change of shipper process.
- One way that this was achieved was to reduce the period between the Objection Deadline and the Supply Point Registration Date (referred to as the 'confirmation period') from 7 to 2 Business Days.
- These days allow Users and the Transporters certainty that a change of shipper event is confirmed. For example:
 - Users may request meter readings to be obtained for the Supply Point Registration Date
 - Transporters use this time period to collate the relevant data and propagate this around UK Link systems

Why change?



- During the Annual AQ Process every Supply Meter Point AQs is updated.
- These AQs are updated to UK Link systems and made effective from 1st October each year.
- The AQ data must be correctly associated with the relevant Registered User to ensure that it is attributed correctly.
- Previous AQ Reviews have taken 5 days to upload the data, associate to the User, validate and provide this data to Gemini.
 - Prior to 0477 this process could start at D-7 (business days).
 - Following 0477 the User will not be confirmed until D-2.

Solution



- In order to provide sufficient time to process and validate the data it is proposed that two non-effective days will be required.
- The non effective days will have the effect of extending the ‘confirmation period’ so that the Objection Deadline will be no later than Friday 25th September.
- The non effective days will apply only to UNC Section G and M processes – e.g.
 - SPA transactions
 - RGMA transactions
 - Meter Reading transactions
- Definition of the non effective days will need to be confirmed through development at workgroup.

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
 - Not subject to self-governance as this Modification may (but subject to Modification development) have a material impact on existing and new gas consumers and competition.
 - Workgroup assessment to develop the modification
 - Request that the workgroup report is presented to panel no later than May