

UNC Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

UNC 0620:

Deferral of the UK Link Manual delivery date (further revision)



Purpose of Modification:

This UNC Modification is necessary to further revise the delivery date for a new and revised UK Link Manual (a CDSP Service Document) within the UK-Link Framework Document being part of the Data Services Contract (DSC).

The Proposer recommends that this modification should:



- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- proceed directly to consultation

This modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 15 June 2017. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.



High Impact:

None



Medium Impact:

None



Low Impact:

Central Data Service Provider, Transporters (including iGTs), Shippers.

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Timetable

Legal Text

10 Recommendations

The Proposer recommends the following timetable:			
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	15 June 2017		
Consultation close-out for representations	06 July 2017		
Final Modification Report available for Panel	07 July 2017		
Modification Panel decision	20 July 2017		

1 Summary

What

This proposal seeks to further defer the delivery date of the amendments to the UK Link Manual as required in the UK Link Framework Document.

Why

National Grid Gas Distribution Limited (NGGD), now Cadent raised UNC Modification Proposal 0613S 'Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document' to expedite the implementation of a new and revised UK Link Manual document from 1st June 2017. UNC Modification Proposal 0617S 'Revised UK Link Manual delivery date' was subsequently implemented which changed the above date to 31st July 2017.

It has since been identified that a further deferral of the implementation date to 13th October 2017 is necessary to provide sufficient time for the significant volume of changes to the Manual to be comprehensively reviewed by industry parties.

How

The UK-Link Manual Framework Document will be updated to reflect a new UK-Link Manual 'delivery' date being 13th October 2017.

2 Governance

Justification for Fast Track Self-Governance

Self-Governance Criteria:

This Modification only seeks to amend the date for delivery of a new and revised UK Link Manual under the DSC and therefore has no material impact on any of the self-governance criteria.

Justification for Consultation:

This Modification only seeks to change the delivery date of the UK Link Manual, and that the proposal (including legal text) is complete and requires no further assessment at Workgroup. Consequently, it is recommended that Panel issues it directly to consultation.

Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- proceed directly to consultation

3 Why Change?

The UK Link Manual Framework Document, (implemented by Modification 0565A Central Data Service Provider – General framework and obligations) see paragraph 1.5.4 in the following link http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/UK Link Manual Framework Document.pdf explains that prior to the PNID (01 June 2017), a revision of the UK Link Manual will be required in the context of the Nexus

Modifications and it is intended that, as part of such revision, the different component parts of the UK Link Manual will be consolidated into a new and revised UK Link Manual. National Grid Gas Distribution Limited (NGGD), now Cadent raised UNC Modification Proposal 0613S 'Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document' to expedite the implementation of a new and revised UK Link Manual document.

NGGD subsequently raised UNC Modification Proposal 0617S 'Revised UK Link Manual delivery date' which sought to defer the above date to 31st July 2017. This was to permit additional time to ensure that the manual was as accurate as possible. Modification 0617S will be implemented effective from 1st June 2017.

Subsequent to this, following receipt of legal advice and discussion within the UNC Distribution Workgroup it has been identified that further time, over and above that facilitated by Modification 0617S, is necessary to permit a full and in-depth review by industry parties of the significant volume of changes identified by the CDSP. It is intended that the review will be conducted in both a UNC Workgroup and the DSC Contract Management Committee depending on the subject matter of each component document.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

CDSP Service Document - UK Link Manual

Knowledge/Skills

No specific knowledge or skills are necessary.

5 Solution

Modification of the DSC is proposed to reflect a revised implementation timescale for a revised UK-Link Manual within the UK Link Manual Framework Document, being 13th October 2017.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

Neither the SCR nor any significant industry change project is impacted.

Consumer Impacts

No consumer impacts are identified. The UK Link Manual is solely concerned with systems and process interactions between UNC parties.

Cross Code Impacts

No cross-code impacts have been identified.

EU Code Impacts

No EU Code impacts identified.

Central Systems Impacts

No central systems impacts have been identified as the UK Link Manual documents existing processes established by Project Nexus.

7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:				
Relevant Objective	Identified impact			
) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system. None				
o) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of None				
(i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or				
(ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.				
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None			
d) Securing of effective competition:	None			
(i) between relevant shippers;				
(ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or				
(iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation				
arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.				
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to	None			
secure that the domestic customer supply security standards are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.				
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive			
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None			

This Modification seeks to ensure that an 'enduring' UK-Link Manual can be implemented in a reasonable time following implementation of Project Nexus. The additional time allowed would enable industry parties to conduct a full and thorough review of the complex and extensive set of changes required for much of the Manual content. This could be expected to facilitate GT Licence relevant objective f) 'Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code'.

8 Implementation

As self-governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement, subject to no Appeal being raised.

9 Legal Text

Text Commentary

Modification 0620 makes a further amendment to the date for completion of a post-Nexus version of the UK Link Manual, following modification 0617S.

Data Services Contract				
UK Link Manual Framework Agreement				
Ref.	Topic	BRDs	Explanation	
1.5.4(c)	Date for completion of revised UK Link Manual	-	Paragraph amended to make clear revised and consolidated UK Link Manual will be completed by 13 October 2017 and will replace the existing UK Link Manual with effect from a later date to be determined pursuant to a further Code Modification.	

Text

DATA SERVICES CONTRACT - UK LINK MANUAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Amend paragraph 1.5.4(c) to read as follows:

1.5.4

(c) the revised UK Link Manual will be completed by 13 October 2017, and it will be given effect (and replace the Existing UK Link Manual) on such date as is determined pursuant to Code Modification.

10 Recommendations

Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to determine that this Modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- proceed directly to consultation