

## Representation

### Draft Modification Report

#### 0513 – UK Link Programme (Project Nexus) – independent project assurance for Users

**Consultation close out date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014  
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#### Do you support or oppose implementation?

Support

#### Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s) for your support/opposition.

Given recent industry discussions in UNC Workgroup meetings, the Modification Panel and the UNCC and responses to our UNC Modification Proposal 0491 we understand that a number of industry stakeholders have concerns that they, or other industry parties, may not be in a position to comply with the changes to the UNC, resulting from the various Project Nexus related Modifications, on the Project Nexus Implementation Date (1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2015). We therefore agree that, given the scale of the changes associated with Project Nexus, it is prudent to undertake a project assurance exercise to establish the industry's "readiness" for the impending changes.

We also agree that it is appropriate that this assessment is completed independently from Shipper Users and Transporters in order to demonstrate objectivity in both the assessment and the subsequent report provided to the Authority.

We believe that completing the assessment and subsequently reviewing and acting on any recommendations within the report would serve to promote the efficient implementation and administration of the Code. We expect that the report will enable all parties to understand fully the nature and extent of Shipper User concerns in regard to the Project Nexus implementation and how these concerns may be addressed.

We consider that completing a project assurance exercise at this stage is a reasonable and efficient process to establish the broad industry position in the timeframe available.

#### Are there any new or additional issues that you believe should be recorded in the Modification Report?

No

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**Relevant Objectives:**

*How would implementation of this modification impact the relevant objectives?*

We consider that implementation of this Proposal would better facilitate Relevant Objective (f) *Implementation and Administration of the Code* as it will provide the information required to inform the efficient, co-ordinated and timely implementation of the Project Nexus related changes.

**Impacts and Costs:**

*What analysis, development and ongoing costs would you face if this modification were implemented?*

**Implementation:**

*What lead-time would you wish to see prior to this modification being implemented, and why?*

**Legal Text:**

*Are you satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the modification?*

National Grid NTS is satisfied that the amended legal text provided by the Proposer delivers the intent of the Modification Proposal.

**Is there anything further you wish to be taken into account?**

*Please provide any additional comments, supporting analysis, or other information that that you believe should be taken into account or you wish to emphasise.*

No