METER ERROR REPORT

FINAL

Reconcile?	Y
Safety Issue?	N
Thesis Report No.	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SITE NAME	Ilchester
LDZ	South West
START DATE (actual)	25th September 2010 (02:53)
LAST GOOD DATE	
END DATE	25th September 2010 (05:17)
SIZE OF ERROR (No reconciliation	24,149. SCM over registration
required if under 0.1%)	(equivalent to 2.70%)
ESTIMATE – Y/N?	N
ROOT CAUSE	Pressure transducer locking up
ANALYSIS	HPMIS RBD data
METER TYPE	Orifice Plate
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CHECKED BY	C Stock

2. BACKGROUND

Gas is supplied to part of the South West LDZ, Wales & West Utilities Network, at Ilchester FWACV offtake. The site metering system comprises a single Orifice meter with an isolated bypass.

On the 25th of September 2010 the pressure transducer locked up for some undiscovered reason for a period of 2 hours 10 minutes. This caused the standard flow rate to be incorrectly calculated. The condition was rectified by turning the power to the transmitter off and then on again.

3. ERROR QUANTIFICATION AND IMPACT

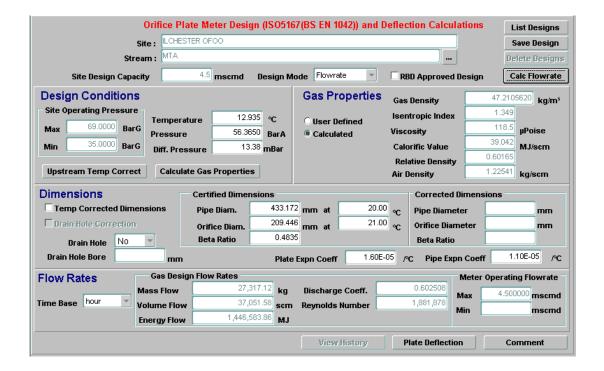
The RBD data was reviewed before and after the pressure transducer (PT) locked up. The ten PT readings prior to and after the locking of the PT were averaged to estimate the actual pressure reading during the period of the PT locking up.

Using the HPMIS orifice plate design calculation (See Fig. 1a & 1b) together with the 8 minute RBD and gas composition data the volume flow for the period where the PT locked was calculated. In each instance, the volume flow for the locked up PT and the estimated PT reading were calculated. By comparing these calculated flows over the period of the PT locking up it was estimated that orifice metering system over-registered 24,149.91scm of gas.

From HPMIS, the Dvol for Gas Day the 24th of September 2010 was 0.894117mscm so the over-registration equates to 2.700 % of Dvol. A spreadsheet detailing the calculations is available on request.

The error would have had a minor affect on odorisation.

Fig. 1a - HPMIS screen shot for flow calculation using calculated average pressure



Orifice Plate Meter Design (ISO5167(BS EN 1042)) and Deflection Calculations List Designs Site: ILCHESTER OFOO Save Design Stream: MTA Delete Designs 4.5 mscmd Design Mode Flowrate RBD Approved Design Calc Flowrate Site Design Capacity **Design Conditions Gas Properties** 78.6760278 **kg/m³** Gas Density Site Operating Pressure 1.460 Isentropic Index 12.935 **∘c User Defined** 69.0000 BarG μPoise 87.3920 BarA Viscosity Calculated 39.042 35.0000 BarG MJ/scm 13.38 mBar Calorific Value 0.60165 Relative Density Upstream Temp Correct | Calculate Gas Properties 1.22541 Air Density ka/scm **Certified Dimensions** Dimensions 20.00 ℃ ☐ Temp Corrected Dimensions 433.172 mm at Pipe Diam. Pipe Diameter mm 209.446 mm at 21.00 **℃** ☐ Brain Hole Correction Orifice Diameter mm Orifice Diam. 0.4835 Beta Ratio No Drain Hole 1.10E-05 /°C **Drain Hole Bore** Plate Expn Coeff Gas Design Flow Rates Flow Rates Meter Operating Flowrate 35,263.74 kg 0.602479 Mass Flow Discharge Coeff. 4.500000 mscmd Max Time Base hour 47,829.97 scm Reynolds Number Volume Flow 1.867,398.72 MJ **Energy Flow** Plate Deflection Comment

Fig. 1b - HPMIS screen shot for flow calculation using locked pressure value

4. RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEARNING

HPMIS (RBD data) should be monitored to identify any such future errors. Should the error re-occur an assessment of the transmitter may be required to ensure its integrity.

REFERENCES

ISO 5167

HPMIS database

VERSION HISTORY

Version	Changes	Author	Date
Rev0	First draft	S Western	13/10/2010
Rev1	First draft	S Western	04/01/2011