

# 0463S:

Recognition of the '2nd January' Scottish Bank Holiday as a Business Day for Supply Point related transactions At what stage is this document in the process?



Currently the '2<sup>nd</sup> January' Scottish Bank Holiday is a non Business Day for Processes defined in Section G and M, otherwise it is a Business day for other processes. It is proposed that this day is recognised as a Business Day in order to minimise the number of non Business days.

The Workgroup recommends that this self-governance modification should now proceed to consultation.



High Impact: None

Medium Impact: None

Low Impact: Shippers and Transporters

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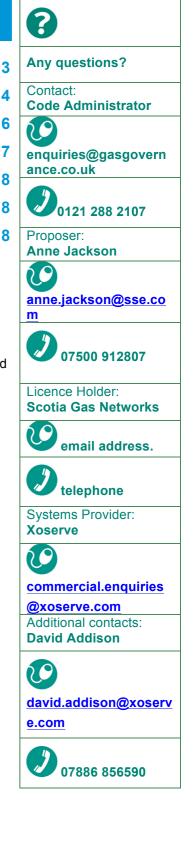
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### About this document:

This report will be presented by the Workgroup to the panel on 19 December 2013.

The panel will consider whether the modification is sufficiently developed to proceed to Consultation and to submit any further recommendations in respect of the definition and assessment of this self-governance modification.



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# **1** Summary

## Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The Modification Panel determined that this is a self-governance modification.

# Why Change?

The UNC supports customers changing Supplier within 21 calendar days, with a 7 Business Day confirmation window and an objection period with a maximum of 7 Business Days - for every Bank Holiday the objection window is reduced by one day. This creates a particularly short objection period in the Christmas/New Year period.

### Solution

Removal of the '2<sup>nd</sup> January' Bank Holiday for SPA system purposes will mean that within the 'normal' Bank Holiday calendar –, i.e., no extraordinary additional Bank Holidays, e.g., jubilees and royal weddings – there will only ever be a maximum of three non Business Days in a 21 calendar period.

Section G is explicit that this particular Bank Holiday is observed. It is proposed that this reference be removed, and that this day be treated as a Business Day.

Where a manual process is required, this Bank Holiday shall still be observed.

### **Relevant Objectives**

Implementation would have a positive effect on relevant objective f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code because it will provide greater opportunity to Shippers and Suppliers to appropriately assess Withdrawal notices in the Objection period at the most constrained time and so reduce the risk of erroneous transfers taking place.

### Implementation

As this is a self-governance modification, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement.

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#### Why Change? 2

An EU Directive was recently introduced to ensure that customers wishing to change Supplier might do so within three weeks - i.e. 21 calendar days. Standard Conditions of a Gas Supply Licence were amended as a result of this to add Standard Condition 14A Customer Transfer; 'Obligation to complete a Supply Transfer within Three Weeks'.

UNC Modification 0403 was approved to help facilitate the EU Directive. In order to meet the 21 calendar day switching requirement a fixed 7 Business Day confirmation window was retained, and a flexible objection period introduced with a maximum of 7 Business Days. Flexibility was required where one or more Bank Holidays appeared in the 21 day window, and for every Bank Holiday the objection window is reduced commensurately.

Removal of this non Business Day for system purposes would eliminate the circumstance where 4 non Business Days could exist within a consecutive 21 calendar day period, under such circumstances the Objection window would be reduced to 2 full Business Days. This would mean that the Objection window should, in normal system operation, allow a minimum of 3 Business Days.

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### Current illustration:

Illustration 5 – 21 day window with four Bank Holidays

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Proposed calendar illustration:

| illustration 5 - | Illustration 5 – 21 day window with three Bank Holidays |       |     |            |           |              |  |  |  |
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| 18/12/2011       | Sunday  |       |     | 18/12/2011 | Sunday    | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 19/12/2011       | Monday  |       |     | 19/12/2011 | Monday    | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 20/12/2011       | Tuesday   |       |     | 20/12/2011 | Tuesday   | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 21/12/2011       | Wednesday   |       |     | 21/12/2011 | Wednesday | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 22/12/2011       | Thursday  |       |     | 22/12/2011 | Thursday  | Business Day |  |  |  |
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| 24/12/2011       | Saturday  | D 20  |     | 24/12/2011 | Saturday  | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 25/12/2011       | Sunday  | D 19  |     | 25/12/2011 | Sunday    | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 26/12/2011       | Monday  | D 18  |     | 26/12/2011 | Monday    | Bank Holiday |  |  |  |
| 27/12/2011       | Tuesday   | D 17  |     | 27/12/2011 | Tuesday   | Bank Holiday |  |  |  |
| 28/12/2011       | Wednesday   | D 16  | Obj | 28/12/2011 | Wednesday | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 29/12/2011       | Thursday  | D 15  | Obj | 29/12/2011 | Thursday  | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 30/12/2011       | Friday  | D 14  | Obj | 30/12/2011 | Friday    | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 31/12/2011       | Saturday  | D 13  |     | 31/12/2011 | Saturday  | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 01/01/2012       | Sunday  | D 12  |     | 01/01/2012 | Sunday    | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 02/01/2012       | Monday  | D 11  |     | 02/01/2012 | Monday    | Bank Holiday |  |  |  |
| 03/01/2012       | Tuesday   | D 10  | D-7 | 03/01/2012 | Tuesday   | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 04/01/2012       | Wednesday   | D 9   | D-6 | 04/01/2012 | Wednesday | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 05/01/2012       | Thursday  | D 8   | D-5 | 05/01/2012 | Thursday  | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 06/01/2012       | Friday  | D7    | D-4 | 06/01/2012 | Friday    | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 07/01/2012       | Saturday  | D 6   |     | 07/01/2012 | Saturday  | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 08/01/2012       | Sunday  | D 5   |     | 08/01/2012 | Sunday    | Week End     |  |  |  |
| 09/01/2012       | Monday  | D 4   | D-3 | 09/01/2012 | Monday    | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 10/01/2012       | Tuesday   | D 3   | D-2 | 10/01/2012 | Tuesday   | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 11/01/2012       | Wednesday   | D 2   | D-1 | 11/01/2012 | Wednesday | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 12/01/2012       | Thursday  | SRD 1 | SRD | 12/01/2012 | Thursday  | Business Day |  |  |  |
| 13/01/2012       | Friday  |       |     | 13/01/2012 | Friday    | Business Day |  |  |  |

Some Transporter processes, such as referrals, require manual intervention. Therefore, it is proposed that this bank Holiday would continue to be observed for such purposes.

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# **3** Solution

It is proposed that the explicit reference to the first business day following the 1<sup>st</sup> January 'as set out in TPD Section G 1.10.1 (b) be removed.

It is proposed that the distinction be retained between the rest of the UNC and Sections G and M. This may retain the flexibility to define separate non Business Days for such sections, as has been considered previously. i.e. this is a Business Day for SPA systems only.

### **User Pays**

Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.

This is not classed as a User Pays modification because it's an update of an extra day to a standing data table that is populated as a matter of course annually and not a change to central systems. In addition it does not create or amend a User Pays service.

Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.

N/A

Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.

N/A

Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.

N/A

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| 4  | Relevant Objectives   |                   |  |  |  |  |
|----|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Im | Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| Re | levant Objective  | Identified impact |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.   | None              |  |  |  |  |
| b) | <ul> <li>Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of</li> <li>(i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or</li> <li>(ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.</li> </ul>   | None              |  |  |  |  |
| c) | Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.  | None              |  |  |  |  |
| d) | <ul> <li>Securing of effective competition:</li> <li>(i) between relevant shippers;</li> <li>(ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or</li> <li>(iii) between DN operators (who have entered into<br/>transportation arrangements with other relevant gas<br/>transporters) and relevant shippers.</li> </ul> | None              |  |  |  |  |
| e) | Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant<br>suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply<br>security standards are satisfied as respects the availability<br>of gas to their domestic customers.   | None              |  |  |  |  |
| f) | Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.   | Positive          |  |  |  |  |
| g) | Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally<br>binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the<br>Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.   | None              |  |  |  |  |

# Impacts to Relevant Objectives

Implementation would have positive impacts to f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code because adding an additional Business Day at the most constrained period will provide greater opportunity to Shippers and Suppliers to appropriately assess Withdrawal notices in the Objection period. This reduces the risk of erroneous transfers taking place which require corrective actions at a later date, therefore promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

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# **5** Implementation

As this is a self-governance modification, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement.

# 6 Legal Text

### Text

The Workgroup was satisfied that the text prepared by Scotia Gas Networks (published alongside this Workgroup Report) would deliver the intent of the modification.

# 7 Recommendation

The Workgroup invites the Panel to:

• AGREE that this self-governance modification should be submitted for consultation.

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