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Purpose of Modification:

This modification seeks to remove the restriction on the inclusion of CSEP Supply Meter Points within the available supply points for NDM Sampling arrangements.

The Workgroup recommends that this modification should:



- be subject to self-governance procedures
- proceed to Consultation

The Panel will consider this Workgroup Report on 18 August 2016. The Panel will consider the recommendations and determine the appropriate next steps.



High Impact:

None



Medium Impact:

None



Low Impact:

Gas Transporters & Shippers

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1 Summary

What

The implementation of Modification 0440 - Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision CSEP Supply Meter Points will introduce iGT Supply Points into the Single Service Arrangements for Gas Transporters. However, Modification 0440 excludes iGT Supply Points from use in the available sample sites, which are used for the development of the Demand Models and End User Categories.

Why

This Modification proposes to allow the use of CSEP Supply Meter Points in NDM Sampling to improve the overall sample selections by ensuring that Demand Models and End User Categories are developed with a fully representative set of supply points with the sample sets.

How

The modification will permit the inclusion of CSEP Supply Meter Points in the available sites selected for NDM Sampling. For the avoidance of doubt, the modification does not require the Gas Transporter to install any equipment on CSEP Supply Meter Points.

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance

The Modification Panel determined that this is Self-Governance modification, as it seeks to enable the relevant UNC Committee to include CSEP Supply Meter Points into the development of End User Categories and Demand models. These activities are not related to competition in shipping, supply, or transportation and therefore will not have a material impact on these activities. Equally, there is no bias in network operator impacts as the selection of included meter points actually requires sampling to be random, which demonstrates the non-discriminatory nature of the modification.

Requested Next Steps

This modification should:

- be subject to self-governance
- proceed to Consultation

The Workgroup agreed with the Modification Panels determination on Self-Governance as this modification is unlikely to have a material impact on competition or unduly discriminate against any party. In addition, the modification if implemented would be likely to improve the sampling selections used in demand estimation modelling by making them more representative of the total population of connected supply points.

The Workgroup considers the modification is sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation.

3 Why Change?

CSEP Supply Meter Points have been excluded from use in the available sample sites, which are used for the development of the Demand Models and End User Categories by UNC Modification 0440 - Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision, which introduces iGT Supply Points into the Single Service Arrangements for Gas Transporters.

Since these supply points utilise the same algorithms for reconciliation and allocation purposes and are now of sufficient number to be considered as a representative part of the general metering population, not including them within the available pool of sites for sampling purposes perversely skews the sample pool.

Single Service arrangements will see CSEP supply Meter Points subject to the same processes of reconciliation and allocation as Large Transporter Meter Points and therefore they should not be excluded from processes that ensure transparent and accurate allocation of costs.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

None

Knowledge/Skills

None

5 Solution

The solution is simply to remove the restriction placed in network code in Section H 1.6.10 to exclude CSEP Supply Meter Points from NDM Sampling and to allow the sites to come with the purview of DESC for creating Demand Models and the development of EUCs.

For the avoidance of doubt, the modification does not require the Gas Transporter to install any equipment on CSEP Supply Meter Points.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

The Modification could be implemented coincidentally with Project Nexus; however no system changes are required and therefore it would have no impact on delivery of Project Nexus.

Consumer Impacts

No direct consumer impacts.

Cross Code Impacts

No direct impacts on iGT UNC or iGTs identified.

EU Code Impacts

No EU Code impacts identified.

Central Systems Impacts

Central System would not be impacted should this modification be implemented.

Workgroup Impact Assessment

The Workgroup agreed with the Modification Panels determination on Self-Governance as this modification is unlikely to have a material impact on competition or unduly discriminate against any party. In addition, the modification if implemented would be likely to improve the sampling selections used in demand estimation modelling by making them more representative of the total population of connected supply points.

User Pays

User Pays	
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.	No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.
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.	Not applicable
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.	Not applicable
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.	Not applicable

7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:		
Relevant Objective	Identified impact	
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None	
b) 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:	Positive	
(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	Positive	
Code.		
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	

Relevant Objective D - by ensuring that all meter points irrespective of how connected to the distribution network are included in the sets of available sites for NDM Demand Models and EUC development, it will ensure that these models are reflective of all sites connected to the distribution network, which leads to more accurate energy and cost allocation therefore furthering competition.

Relevant Objective F – by ensuring that all meter points irrespective of how connected to the distribution network are available for inclusion in the models it will ensure that the models are based on a statistically valid set of connected supply points, and DESC will not have to specifically exclude supply points from their samples, thereby making the process more efficient.

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, however until CSEP Supply Meter Points come within the UNC they cannot be included in the models, and therefore the Project Nexus Implementation Date or soon after is preferred.

9 Legal Text

Legal Text has been provided by Scotia Gas Networks following a request from the Modification Panel and has been published in this report. However, Legal Text was not available in time for consideration by the Workgroup.

Legal Text Commentary:

Section H was amended by Modification 0440 to include a clause preventing the use of CSEP Supply Meter Points in the NDM Sampling. The removal of 1.6.10 removes this restriction and will enable DESC to use all supply Points as provided under section H 1.1.5:

UNC TPD Section H

1.1.5 In this Section H, unless otherwise expressly provided, references to Supply Meter Points and Supply Points (and classes thereof) include CSEP Supply Meter Points and CSEP Supply Points (and the corresponding classes thereof).

Please note: the legal text provided for this Modification is predicated on implementation of Modification 440 – Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision.

Legal Text

Section H - 1.6 NDM Sampling

1.6.10 In this paragraph 1.6, references to Supply Meter Points do not include CSEP Supply Meter Points.

10 Recommendations

Workgroup's Recommendation to Panel

The Workgroup asks Panel to agree that:

This self-governance modification should proceed to consultation.