#### **UNC Modification**

At what stage is this document in the process?

# UNC 0648:

# End dating the revised DM Read estimation process introduced by Modification 0634



### **Purpose of Modification:**

This modification seeks to end date the revised estimation process introduced through the implementation of Modification 0634 (Urgent) - Revised estimation process for DM sites with D-7 zero consumption.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- subject to self-governance
- assessed by a Workgroup

This modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 15 February 2018. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.



High Impact:

None identified



Medium Impact:

None identified



Low Impact:

Shipper Users, CDSP and Transporters (specifically Daily Metered Service Providers(DMSP))

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#### Timetable

#### The Proposer recommends the following timetable:

Initial consideration by Workgroup	22 February 2018
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	19 April 2018
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	20 April 2018
Consultation Close-out for representations	10 May 2018
Final Modification Report available for Panel	14 May 2018
Modification Panel decision	17 May 2018 (at Short Notice)



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# 1 Summary

#### What

Modification 0634 - Revised estimation process for DM sites with D-7 zero consumption introduced the requirement for the CDSP to intervene when the estimated consumption of a Daily Metered (DM) Supply Meter Point was zero and had been derived using the consumption from that day of the preceding week (D-7 methodology). The use of the CDSP discretion in such circumstances is contrary to the principles established by the implementation of the Xoserve Funding and Governance Ownership (FGO) review and usual business processes. This modification seeks to introduce an end date to this obligation.

#### Why

Modification 0634 was introduced at short notice and with little analysis to target the high number of DM Supply Meter Points that were not recording Actual Meter Readings following the Project Nexus Implementation Date. The modification sought to eliminate alleged spurious zero consumptions adversely impacting allocations at DM Supply Meter Points, with the consequential impacts to the NDM market. The CDSP is only able to intervene in specific circumstances (i.e. an estimate of zero derived from a D-7) and has a heavy reliance on the Transporter Daily Metered Service Provider (DMSP) and Shipper in order to successfully resolve such instances.

This modification has been raised as Modification 0634 was largely ineffective and relied on Xoserve operating in a pragmatic fashion and not explicitly in line with the business rules in Code.

The industry is now in a business as usual position it is proposed that the obligation to intervene by the CDSP is removed.

For the avoidance of doubt this would include removing the CDSPs discretion which is in line with the establishment of the FGO programme implemented by Modification 0565A - Central Data Service Provider: General framework and obligations.

#### How

It is proposed that the Legal Text inserted by the implementation of Modification 0634 is removed and the rules in place prior to Modification 0634 reinserted. Currently Transporters have, via their (DMSP), the ability to amend estimated consumptions and do so when it is, in conjunction with the Shipper User, deemed appropriate to do so.

#### 2 Governance

#### Justification for Self-Governance, Authority Direction or Urgency

This modification is proposed as self-governance as it is not considered to have a material effect or discrimatory impact on any party. This modification is unlikely to have a material impact competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, or matters relating to safety or security of supply.

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The Proposer notes that although Modification 0634 was implemented under Urgent Procedures, the impact of implementing this modification is not material or time constrained to require a decision by Ofgem.

#### **Requested Next Steps**

This modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- be assessed by a Workgroup

This modification is recommended for implementation as soon as possible, however, the proposer supports an opportunity for further discussion of this modification in a workgroup.

# 3 Why Change?

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It is perfectly plausible that a Supply Meter Point has a zero consumption. Under modification 0634 the CDSP has been required to assess a large number of zero estimates that following consultation with the DMSP and the Shipper User have been retained. For example, in the period from 0634 implementation (20<sup>th</sup> November 2017) to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 the **CDSP assessed 73 zero consumptions** on DM Supply Meter Points that had not recorded an actual reading since the Project Nexus Implementation Date – of these **68 were retained as a zero value** (of this figure 4 instances were retained at zero at the Shipper's request following an alternative recommendation by the CDSP).

Of these consumptions, the CDSP entered 1 actual consumption that had been obtained from the DMSP, and the DMSP acted on 4 occasions to enter an alternative (non nil) consumption. In the following month for this same set of DM Supply Meter Points the CDSP assessed 14 consumptions which were retained either as zero or the DMSP provided an actual consumption, or inserted an alternative consumption in conjunction with the Shipper User.

Modification 0634 requires that any such zero consumption needs to be assessed by the CDSP. Within the first two months following Modification 0634 implementation there were a further 138 nil consumptions reviewed. These were on meter points that had recorded an actual consumption since the Project Nexus Implementation Date, or were commissioning DM Supply Meter Points – i.e. the 'business as usual' population. Of these 138, 87 zeros were retained, the CDSP inserted 12 actual consumptions and were instructed to use

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an AQ/365 on 7 instances. In the remaining 32 instances, the DMSP provided an actual consumption, or inserted an alternative consumption in conjunction with the Shipper User.

With such 'business as usual' sites it is evident that the DMSP is more likely to be in a position to provide an actual reading or is able to engage with the Shipper User to determine an alternative consumption. Therefore, the process introduced by Modification 0634 can now be considered to be surplus to requirements and should be removed as a Code process.

# 4 Code Specific Matters

#### **Reference Documents**

No Code Related Documents are impacted by this modification.

#### Knowledge/Skills

None.

#### 5 Solution

It is proposed to delete the text introduced by UNC Modification 0634, by removing the new Legal Text introduced and reinstating the existing Legal Text amended by Modification 0634 immediately on implementation.

# 6 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

No.

#### **Consumer Impacts**

None identified.

#### **Cross Code Impacts**

None identified.

#### **EU Code Impacts**

No impacts identified.

#### **Central Systems Impacts**

This modification has no impacts to Central Systems.

# 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:	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 will remove the inherent inefficiency of the obligation on the CDSP to assess such consumptions, and allow the Shipper Users and the DMSP (on the Transporter's behalf) to engage with each other directly and determine the most appropriate course of action. In addition, by removing the process introduced by Modification 0634, it will also remove the ambiguity between the business rules set out in Code and those actually operated by the CDSP, therefore furthering 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.

The timescale proposed recommends that this modification is considered by at least one workgroup. It is requested that this is taken at short notice by the Distribution Workgroup on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Whilst the timescales quoted allow for two workgroups, it is requested that consideration is given to a single workgroup such that an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 could be achievable. Failing this, an implementation as soon as possible after this date is requested.

# 9 Legal Text

# **Text Commentary**

Text is not proposed at this time.

#### **Text**

Text is not proposed at this time.

# 10 Recommendations

# **Proposer's Recommendation to Panel**

Panel is asked to:

- Agree that self-governance procedures should apply
- Refer this proposal to a Workgroup for assessment.