UNC Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

UNC 0655:

Requiring a Meter Reading following a change of Local Distribution Zone or Exit Zone.

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Purpose of Modification:

This Modification would require the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) to provide a Meter Reading in the event that the Local Distribution Zone or Exit Zone was amended for a Supply Meter Point.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

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

This modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 19th April 2018. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.



High Impact:

None identified.



Medium Impact:

Shipper Users.



Low Impact:

None identified.

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Timetable

The Proposer recommends the following timetable:

Initial consideration by Workgroup	26 th April 2018	
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	19 th July 2018	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	20 th July 2018	
Consultation Close-out for representations	10 th August 2018	
Final Modification Report available for Panel	13 th August 2018	
Modification Panel decision	16 th August 2018	



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1 Summary

What

Currently the CDSP is able to insert Meter Readings in certain circumstances that are defined in the Uniform Network Code (UNC). The UNC also describes the treatment of these Meter Readings, such as whether these are able to be replaced (i.e. Update Meter Reading) or used for Offtake Reconciliation. This modification seeks to add an instance where the CDSP shall insert a Meter Reading and specify its treatment and utilisation.

Where the Local Distribution Zone or Exit Zone of a Supply Meter Point is amended the Transportation Rates applicable will be amended. In order to ensure that the reconciliation utilises the correct rates it is proposed to enable the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) to insert a Meter Reading at the effective date of the LDZ or EZ change.

Why

Prior to the Project Nexus Implementation Date, a Shipper User would need to perform a same Shipper Confirmation (a 'reconfirmation') to change either the Local Distribution Zone or the Exit Zone. Shipper Users requested that this be performed following the Project Nexus Implementation Date without the need for the reconfirmation. This functionality now relies upon a Meter Reading being available for the effective date of such changes and therefore circa 600 amendments have not been processed since the Project Nexus Implementation Date (1st June 2017 to 1st April 2018).

Inserting a Meter Reading enables clear identification of the volume of gas attributed to the period prior to the LDZ or EZ change, and consequently the Transportation Rates applied for this period. This will enable Shipper Users to provide, in accordance with the prevailing Uniform Network Code Rules, the ability for the Shipper User to replace such Meter Reading.

This modification also refers to Supply Meter Points on iGT Networks.

How

Section M of the Uniform Network Code currently provides the circumstances that the CDSP will provide a reading. This modification proposes that in the event that the Local Distribution Zone (LDZ) or Exit Zone (EZ) is changed for a Supply Meter Point that the CDSP may insert a Meter Reading for the effective date of the change.

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance

This modification is proposed to be subject to self-governance as it is not expected to have a material impact upon, or discriminate, against any parties. This modification relates to amendment of the Local Distribution Zone or Exit Zone for a Supply Meter Point and facilitates more transparent allocation of gas across variance periods.

Requested Next Steps

This modification should:

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

Assessment by Workgroup is recommended to enable development of the modification.

3 Why Change?

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The Meter Reading will be used in order to generate Offtake Reconciliation and will be considered a Qualifying Meter Reading for AQ purposes. The inserted Meter Readings will be able to be replaced (i.e. Update Meter Reading) by the Shipper User – subject to existing UNC rules.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

No specific documents are identified.

Knowledge/Skills

No specific skills or knowledge are identified.

5 Solution

It is proposed that the CDSP insert a Meter Reading in the event of the LDZ or EZ changing for a Supply Meter Point.

Shipper Users may seek to replace any such Meter Readings with a Meter Reading provided that the date of such Meter Reading is within the period of that User's Supply Point Registration.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

No impact to a Significant Code Review identified.

Consumer Impacts

No impacts to Consumers have been identified.

Cross Code Impacts

This modification also refers to Supply Meter Points on iGT Networks. Assessment will need to be undertaken whether a modification to iGT UNC is necessary.

EU Code Impacts

No impacts are identified.

Central Systems Impacts

The UK Link system will have to record and generate such Meter Readings. It is expected that limited changes would be required to do so.

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 secure that the domestic customer supply security standards are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None			
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the	Positive			

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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

This Modification would further GT Licence relevant objective f) 'Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code' by utilising existing processing and enables transparency of energy attributed in the relevant period, and where available, actual consumption information be provided against the relevant period.

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. It is proposed to consult with UK Link User Change Managers via the DSC to agree an appropriate implementation date.

9 Legal Text

Text Commentary

Not provided at this time.

Text

Not provided 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.