Mod 644 UIG Analysis Stage 2



Introduction

Modification 644: Improvements to nomination and reconciliation through the introduction of new EUC bands and improvements in the ALPs and DAFs

Purpose of Modification:

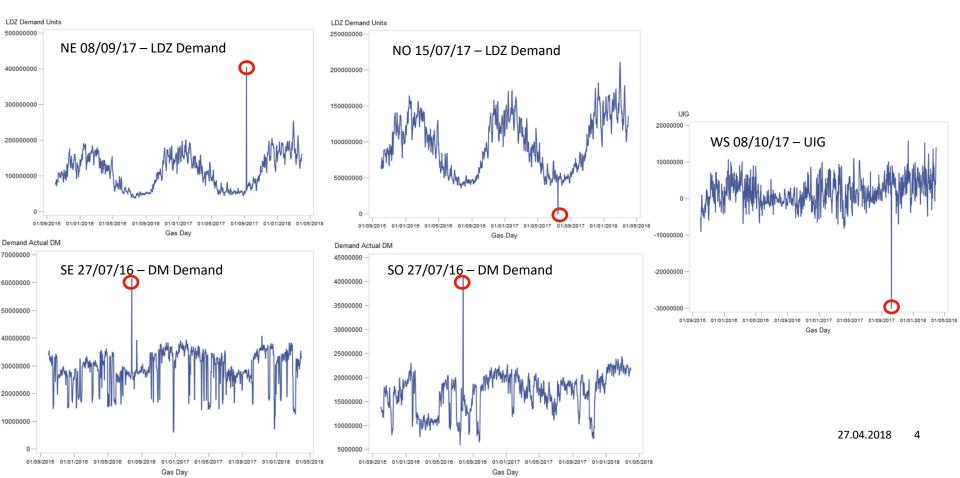
This modification seeks to split the End User Categories (EUC) EUC01B and EUC02B into three and grouping by prepayment, market sector code of industrial and commercial and finally all remaining meter point reference numbers. It also seeks to create parameters to flex the Daily Adjustment Factors (DAFs) and Annual Load Profiles (ALPs) where they reach defined tolerances. These amendments would provide a more accurate profile to that which is in place today and would work towards improved nominations which in turn would reduce reconciliation and UIG.

Recap Original Results: Adjusting both ALPs and DAFs

Adjusting both ALPs and DAFs together can produce a reduction in volatility of between 4% and 17% depending on LDZ

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EA	1.07	1.04	-17.0%
EM	1.06	1.05	-14.3%
NE	1.08	1.09	-4.1%
NO	1.05	1.09	-8.8%
NT	1.02	1.04	-5.2%
NW	1.09	1.00	-16.1%
SC	1.04	1.09	-9.1%
SE	1.02	1.06	-4.5%
SO	1.06	1.06	-14.1%
SW	1.04	1.07	-9.3%
WM	1.04	1.02	-7.9%
WN	1.10	1.00	-15.7%
WS	1.05	1.04	-5.5%

Data Cleansing



New Results: Adjusting both ALPs and DAFs

Rerunning the original analysis with the cleaned datasets, produces better results, especially for NE

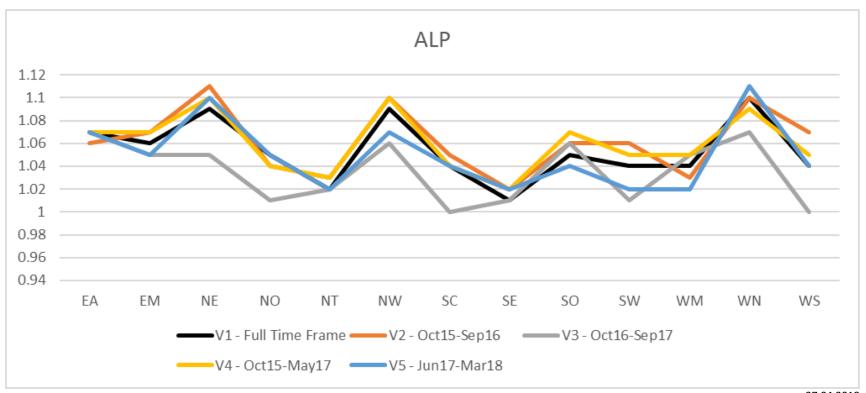
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Next Steps as discussed in the DESC meeting on 1st May

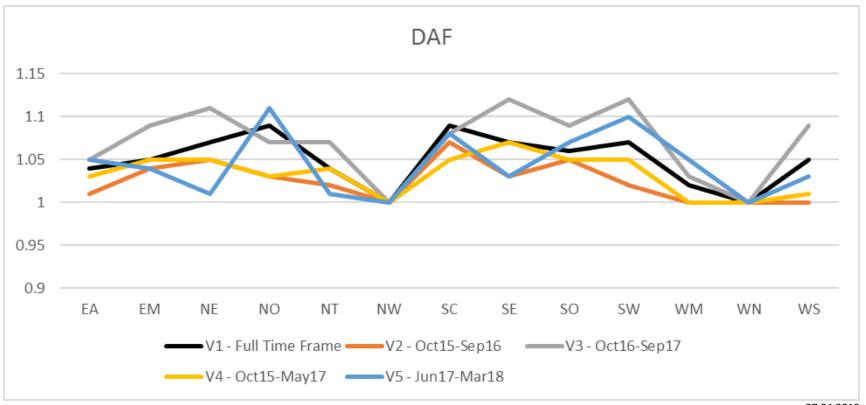
Recommendations for next steps:

- Supplementary information on the original analysis:
 - How do the suggested multipliers change across different gas years
 - How do the suggested multipliers across winter and summer months
 - What improvement can be found by using a separate training and validation time period.
- An investigation into Reconciliation data since Nexus to see if this supports the new multipliers
- Xoserve provide the current year's sample data with some extra details to enable analysis of how the ALP and DAF adjustments would affect allocation over the past two sample datasets

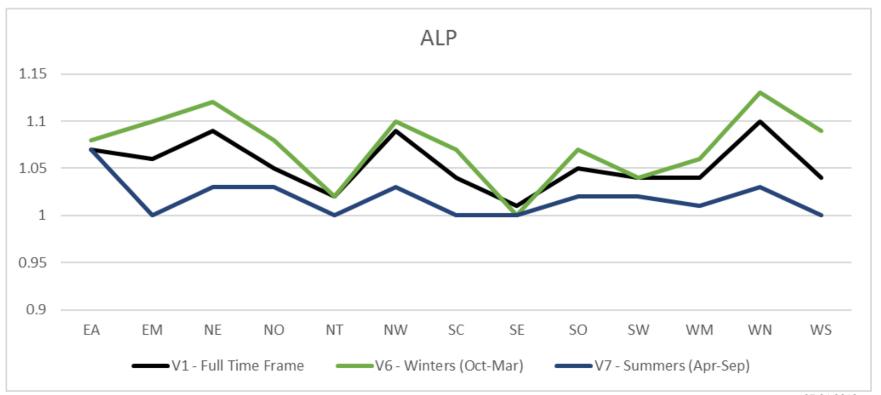
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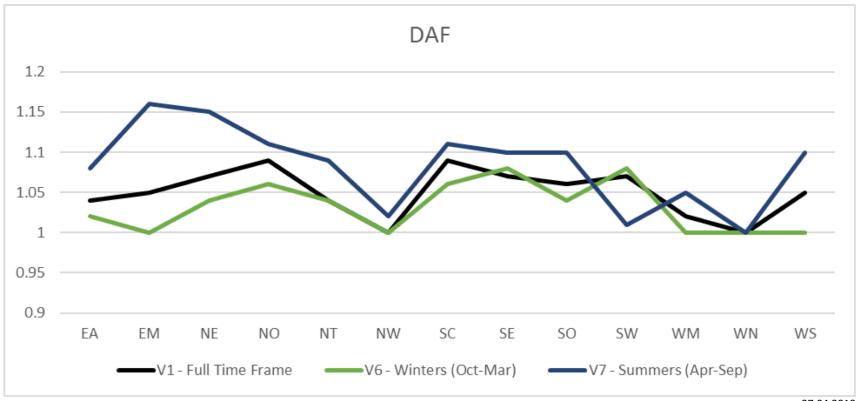
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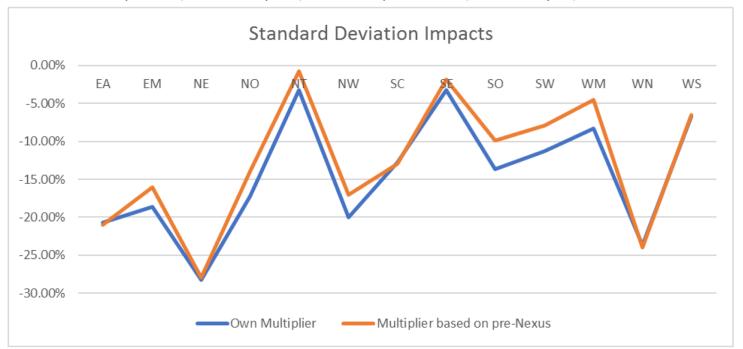


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Volatility Improvements using out-of-sample tests

Below shows the change in standard deviation for post-Nexus (Jun17-Mar18) when multipliers are used based on data from that period (Own Multiplier) and from pre-Nexus (Oct15-May17)



Sample data: AQ Proportion by EUC compared to National

EUC	16/17	17/18
01B	0.01%	0.05%
02B	1.02%	3.47%
03W01	4.90%	8.05%
03W02	4.58%	8.56%
03W03	6.87%	12.68%
03W04	8.40%	23.17%
04W01	16.31%	10.62%
04W02	20.51%	16.67%
04W03	23.87%	31.13%
04W04	26.90%	69.21%
05W01	0.03%	0.03%
05W02	0.05%	0.05%
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06W01	0.06%	0.06%
06W02	0.08%	0.08%
06W03	0.08%	0.08%
06W04	0.11%	0.11%
07W01	0.27%	0.27%
07W02	0.26%	0.26%
07W03	0.24%	0.24%
07W04	0.42%	0.42%

So that the sample data can be looked at as an aggregate of EUCs without this showing a very different proportion of EUCs than nationally, the sample data has been multiplied by a factor to correct its proportion.

For example, in an EUC and LDZ where the sample data AQ is 1% of the national AQ for that EUC LDZ combination, the data has been multiplied by 100 before summarising.

It should be noted that while, E01B makes up ~75% of national AQ, of the samples the E01B AQ only makes up 1-2% of the Sample AQ.

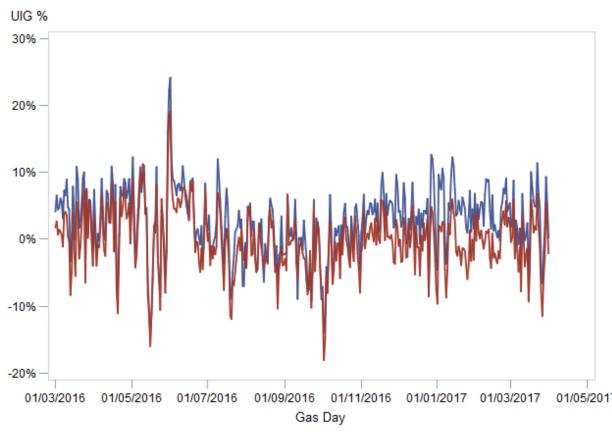
Sample data: 2016/17 Allocation Error Compared to UIG

Comparing:

- National UIG as a percentage of national NDM allocation
- Sample Allocation error as a percentage of NDM allocation
 Therefore, both lines are directly comparable.

They show that UIG is positive over this year so national allocation must be too low. The sample allocation however, does not show the same bias.

Variable	Mean	Std Dev
UIG %	2.8%	5.1%
Sample Alloc Error %	-0.1%	4.8%

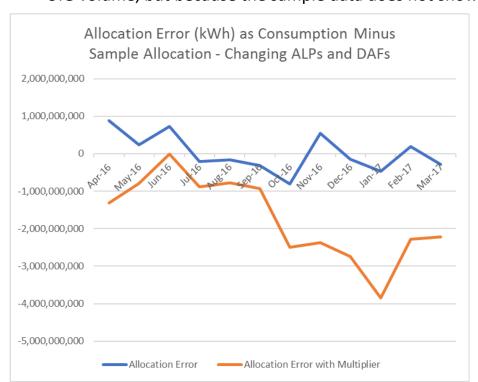


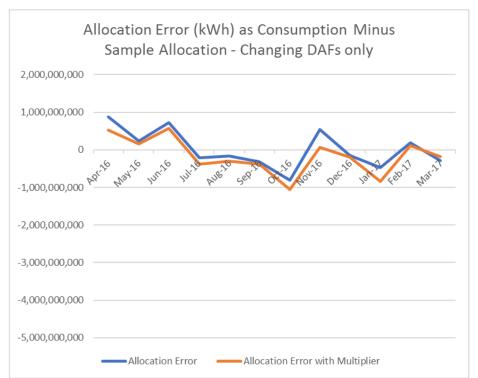
Sample Alloc Error %

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Sample data: 2016/17 Allocation Error with Multipliers

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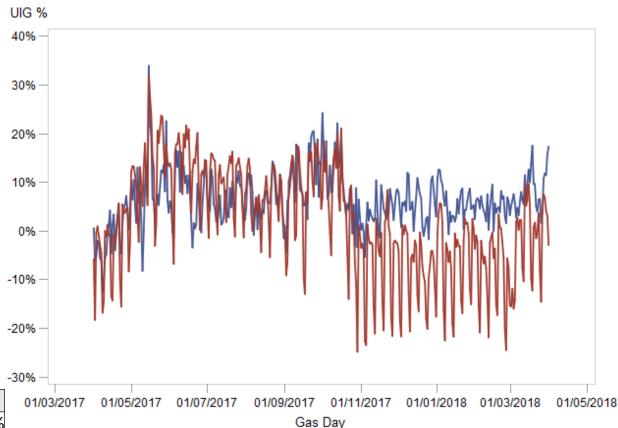
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Variable	Mean	Std Dev
UIG %	6.5%	5.7%
Sample Alloc Error %	2.1%	11.0%

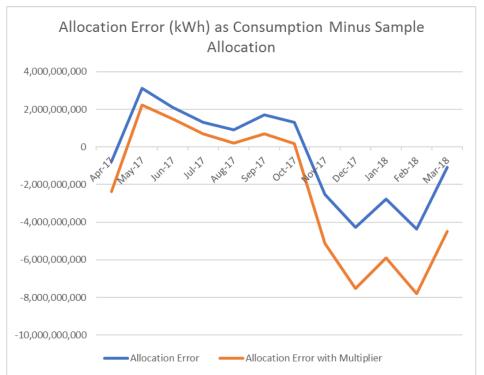


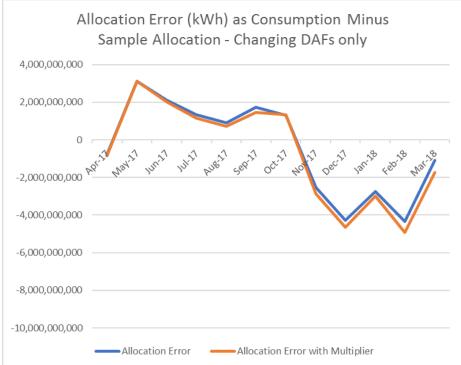
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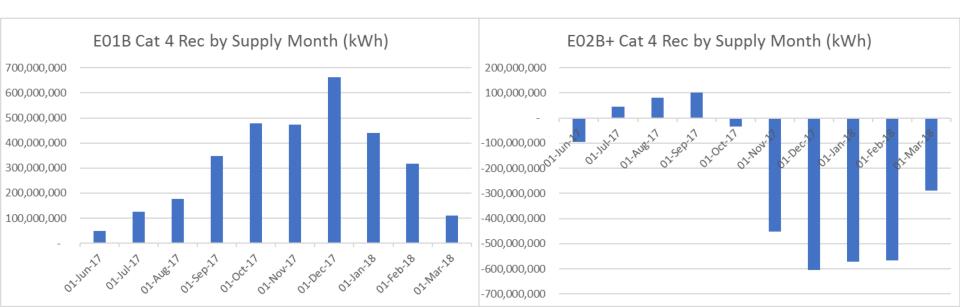
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Rec Data: Reconciliation volumes since Nexus go-live

Reconciliation volumes showed a different pattern for E01 and the other EUCs. As shown below, E01B meters are nationally not being allocated enough volume across the board, while the other EUCs are generally being allocated too much. There is also a strong seasonal shape to the reconciliation volumes for E02B+, but the shape should be fixed through the regular ALP creation process.



Proposal

- For E01B, the new DAF multipliers, and the separate summer and winter ALP multipliers should be applied.
 - The need to increase the level of E01B is supported by the Reconciliation data, and the total national level UIG is clearly positively biased and because E01B makes up ~75% of the volume, it is a good assumption that this EUC follows the same pattern as the total NDM.
- For E02B+ only the DAF multipliers should be applied
 - It is not clear from the rec data that these have the same bias, and any shape issue should be resolved through the usual ALP and DAF derivation process.