UNC Workgroup Report

At what stage is this document in the process?

UNC 0655S:

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



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 Workgroup recommends that this modification should be:

• Deferred until confirmation is received that the modification is required.

The Panel will consider this Workgroup Report on 18 July 2018. The Panel will consider the recommendations and determine the appropriate next steps.



High Impact:

None



Medium Impact:

Shipper Users



Low Impact:

None

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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, Authority Direction or Urgency

The Modification Panel determined that this modification should 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:

Defer consideration.

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.

Consumer Impact Assessment		
Criteria	Extent of Impact	
Which Consumer groups are affected?	None identified.	
What costs or benefits will pass through to them?	None expected.	
When will these costs/benefits impact upon consumers?	Not applicable.	
Are there any other Consumer Impacts?	None 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.

Workgroup Impact Assessment

Not available.

Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Assessment

Not applicable.

7 Relevant Objectives

lm	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	None		
	of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.			

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

To be provided.

Text

To be provided.

10 Recommendations

Workgroup's Recommendation to Panel

The Workgroup asks Panel to agree that:

 This self-governance modification should be deferred pending confirmation that the modification is required, as the content of this modification is being progressed via a DSC Change which if implemented would allow this modification to be withdrawn.