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Demand Estimation Sub Committee

2.0 DESC Membership and Meeting Schedule

Gas Year 2024/25

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DESC MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DESC Members – October 2024 to September 2025

Sector	Member	Organisation	Alternate
User	Bhavesh Tailor	E.ON	Sarah Palmer
	Mark Hunt	TotalEnergies Gas & Power	Please Advise
	Tom Parker	Brook Green Supply	Samuel Hill / James Morrow
	Prashant Verma	SSE	Neil Crompton
	Mark Linke	Centrica	Jake Mammatt
Transporter	David Mitchell	Scotia Gas Networks	Ross Edwards / Barrie Gillam
	Paul O'Toole	Northern Gas Networks	Anna Kapeni
	Murugan Babumohanan	National Gas Transmission	Robert Longwe
	Sanjeev Loi	Cadent	Shiv Singh / Ricci Glen
	Neil Stovold	Wales and West Utilities	Gregory Hill

- Members list maintained by Joint Office [here](#)
- Confirmation required to ensure CDSP's distribution list is correct for correspondence e.g. Pre-Meeting Note

DESC User Member Responsibilities

- Terms of Reference for DESC Members [DESC Terms of Reference](#)
- The UNC User Representative Appointment Process describes the procedures for selecting representatives for each of the various Industry Committees.
- Further details are available in the following document. [UNC User Representative Appointment Process v5.0 .pdf \(gasgovernance.co.uk\)](#)
- Page 8 refers to the Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC) and includes the following key principle

“Each nominee for the DESC must be willing to stand and acknowledge that they are willing and able to represent the industry rather than just their employer if selected. Candidates MUST satisfy themselves that they are familiar with the role and responsibilities of the DESC.”

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DESC TIMETABLE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Demand Estimation Cycle



- We are about to start the annual cycle of preparing profiles for Gas Year 2025/26
- This begins with the “Model Review” phase which is about reviewing historical models and investigating topics which may influence our approach to next year’s modelling process
- More information on timings and meetings related to each segment is on the following slide

CDSP / DESC Obligations and Timetable: October 2024 to September 2025

Milestone	UNC H Ref	2024			2025								
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
DESC Membership confirmed	1.12	✓		✓									
NDM Sampling: Data Collection and Validation	1.6	✓						✓					
NDM Algorithm Performance for Gas Year 2023/24	1.8			✓								✓	
DESC Ad Hoc Workplan	1.7	✓		✓			✓				✓		
DESC Modelling Approach – EUCs and Demand Models	1.7			✓			✓						
Single Year EUC Demand Modelling	1.7								✓				
Model Smoothing and Draft Gas Demand Profiles	1.7									✓			
Industry Consultation	1.8									✓	✓		
Gas Demand Profiles finalised and Core systems updated	1.9											✓	
Seasonal Normal Review 2025	1.4	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		

Proposed DESC Workplan: October 2024 to September 2025

Meeting Date	Topics / Objectives	Action
October 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DESC Membership / Meeting Schedule NDM Algorithms Update DESC Ad Hoc Workplan Update Seasonal Normal Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Required
November 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal Normal Review NDM Sample Update 	
December 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDM Algorithm Performance (Gas Year 2023/24) DESC Ad Hoc Workplan Update Draft Modelling Approach (Gas Year 2025/26) Seasonal Normal Review DESC Survey (July to December) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Required
March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DESC Ad Hoc Workplan Completion Modelling Approach Approval (Gas Year 2025/26) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Possible Vote Required
April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EUC Modelling Runs and WAR Band Threshold Approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Required
May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Single Year Modelling Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Required
July 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review DESC Representations (2025/26 Draft Profiles) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Required
July 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Industry Representations and Final Approval (2025/26 Profiles) Agreement of Ad Hoc Workplan Weather Station Review DESC Survey (January to June) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote Required Vote Required

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USEFUL INFORMATION FOR DESC MEMBERS

Links to Helpful Data Sources

- An Introduction to Demand Estimation and DESC An Introduction to Demand Estimation and DESC (gasgovernance.co.uk)
- The Xoserve website has a number of pages that have recently been updated and may be of interest to members
 - The Demand Estimation page lists the parameters that the DE team provide in conjunction with DESC and how they are used [Demand Estimation \(xoserve.com\)](https://xoserve.com)
 - The NDM Nominations and Allocations page explains how the Non-Daily Metered demand is forecast [Nominations and Allocations \(xoserve.com\)](https://xoserve.com)
 - As Unidentified Gas (UIG) is the balancing figure in the daily Demand Attribution process, the accuracy of the NDM demand estimation plays a key role in the observed UIG values. The UIG page explains how UIG is calculated and shared out [Unidentified Gas \(UIG\) \(xoserve.com\)](https://xoserve.com)
 - To contact the Demand Estimation team, raise a query [here](#)

Where to find Demand Estimation Data

Folder Structure on Secure Website, links to secured area and access request form can be found by following this [link](#)

18. NDM Profiling and Capacity Algorithms

2024-25 Gas Year

1 Modelling Approach

2 Demand Estimation Sample Data

3 Demand Estimation Parameters

a End User Categories and Derived Factors

b Demand Model Supporting Files

4 NDM Algorithms Booklet

- Folders highlighted in green contain the final approved NDM information for Gas Year 2024/25
- The NDM Algorithms Booklet (summary of the end-to-end modelling process) is available in Folder 4