



Demand Estimation Sub Committee

**Publication of Derived Factors
(ALPs, DAFs and PLFs)**

1st April 2019

Background

- In recent months there has been an increased interest from non UNC parties in obtaining the ALPs and DAFs (in particular), often these requests come from consultants working on behalf of UNC parties
- This was raised again recently at a National Grid Forum where an external party asked why these key parameters were not available in the public domain
- As you will be aware all of the Demand Estimation output is available to UNC parties in Folder 18 on the secure area of Xoserve's website
- The rationale for this approach is that the parties who fund all of the costs associated with sampling data and the substantial analysis, should be the parties who benefit
- The PLFs are effectively already in the public domain as they are included in the DN's pricing calculator tools on the JO website

Decision

- When discussed briefly under AOB at the meeting on 11th February 2019, DESC were open to publishing the final output of the process i.e. ALPs, DAFs and PLFs in the public domain
- For the avoidance of doubt, the underlying sample data and demand models would still only be available in the secure area
- Are DESC happy to publish the ALPs, DAFs and PLFs going forward as part of being more transparent and supporting to the wider industry ? Thoughts welcome
- Should DESC be in agreement with this approach, Xoserve would provide a guidance document about the file content, their intended use, and to avoid additional adhoc queries about the parameters, suggest that DESC is the forum for understanding more about the process