

Pre-Meeting note for DESC on 24th February 2021

Agenda Items Summary

2.0 Updates on Ad-hoc Work Plan Items (APPROVAL REQUIRED)

- We shall be providing updates on the progress of the Ad-hoc Work Plan Items agreed by DESC in July last year. The focus will be on the review of the Model Smoothing Methodology which is normally performed every 2 years. We shall be seeking **approval** from DESC to continue with this methodology following clear results which show volatility is reduced when smoothing across [3] years is applied.
- We shall also cover the progress we have made on transitioning more of the Demand Estimation processes onto a single SAS platform in order to improve efficiency of the end to end process. This has been particularly necessary for managing the NDM sampling data which now incorporates several submissions from Shippers following the implementation of UNC Modification 0654S.

3.0 COVID-19 Impacts – Gas Year 2020/21 (DISCUSSION)

- As discussed at the October DESC meeting, we felt it was important to include an agenda item over the winter DESC meetings relating to COVID-19 so we can share any observations in our data that could help explain any subsequent UIG levels.
- At this meeting we shall be reviewing the domestic consumption (unvalidated) in the Xoserve managed sample upto the end of January 2021, which can be used for a prompt for discussions. Overall we haven't observed any 'step changes' in UIG during Gas Year 2020/21 but we'd be interested to hear any commentary you may have on any potential COVID impacts you've seen as we approach this year's modelling process.

4.0 Modelling Approach 2021 Preparations (APPROVAL REQUIRED)

- This agenda item is to finalise discussions around how the EUC Demand Modelling will be performed in 2021. We have published an updated version (0.2) of the Modelling Approach document which is available [here](#). Note since the review window opened for this document we have not received any comments from DESC or TWG and so we assume you are in support, however we shall be asking for this to be formally recorded at the meeting with a **vote** from DESC members.
- During the meeting, there will be opportunities to raise any queries you have, the obvious discussion point this year will be how we may need to adapt to how we use (or not) the sample data collected for the analysis period (April 20 to March 21) which inevitably will be impacted by the various restrictions and lockdowns that have occurred in this period.

5.0 NDM Algorithm Review Update (DISCUSSION)

- We shall be providing an update on the progress made since the last DESC meeting. In summary a UNC Review Group request has been raised (0754R) and is due to be discussed at the UNC Modification Panel on 18th February.