

Summary of key messages from DESC on 8th November 2018

Outcomes

Changes to NDM Demand Estimation Methodology

- DESC members approved the changes in the Demand Estimation Methodology (DEM). The changes provide DESC with the option of using two additional weather data items in the derivation of demand models. The approved version of the DEM has been published on the Joint Office website in the UNC Related documents section (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tpddocs>)

Change Proposal XRN 4772: Composite Weather Variable Improvements

- DESC considered the Capture document for XRN4772 which considers the system changes that need to be planned for in the event that DESC decide to change the CWV formula, for example using additional weather data items (now available to DESC in the DEM). DESC were happy with the document and agreed with the approach to add in more flexibility to the solution design.

Modification 0654 / Change Proposal XRN 4770: Delivery of NDM sample data

- DESC confirmed that the validation applied to the 3rd party provided sample data will be in line with practises and rules used for existing Demand Estimation samples and agreed that measures of Shipper performance for PAC should focus on the number of sites that pass validation and are available for demand modelling.

Future of DE NDM Sample Snapshot Report

- There is little evidence to suggest that the report provided by the CDSP every 2 months is being actively used to reduce the equipment losses in the Demand Estimation sample. DESC agreed to take an action to review how and if the DE NDM Sample Snapshot report is being used in their organisations, with a view to discussing the future of the report at the next DESC meeting on 10th December 2018.