

## Summary of Key Messages from DESC on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Agenda Item Outcomes

#### Agenda Item 2.0: NDM Algorithms Update – Gas Year 2022/23

- DESC discussed the additional Bank Holiday in early May 2023 for the King's Coronation. A proposal was discussed regarding potentially amending the profiles for the Bank Holiday Weekend to be similar to the May Day Bank Holiday period (week earlier).
- Overall, when considering the advantages and disadvantages, DESC voted to take no action regarding the Gas Profiles for Gas Year 22/23.

Material presented to DESC on the above item is available [here](#)

#### Agenda Item 4.0: Modelling Approach Gas Year 2023/24

- DESC discussed the Modelling Approach Document for 2023/24 which was released in Draft form in January 2023 [here](#). The following changes were agreed:
  - Stratification to be applied to all bands where there is sufficient sample data received.
  - Additional Section within Gas Demand EUC Modelling covering “Impacts of Significant Socioeconomic Factors on Demand Modelling” - wording presented in meeting
  - Changes to EUC Sample Data aggregation for all WAR Bands (except 05W01-04) – agreed in meeting under Agenda Item 3.0b
  - Changes to Model to be used for 09B – agreed in meeting under Agenda Item 3.0b
  - Additional note regarding potential missing Distribution Network Sample Data in Summer 2023 within Gas Demand EUC Modelling.  
Wording - Note: We do not anticipate any issues with the Distribution Network sampling in this year's process for creating demand models. As raised at the extraordinary DESC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February, however, if the procurement of a new Service Provider for the Distribution Networks is not completed on time, future process would be impacted. The Algorithm Performance in Autumn 2023 and Demand Modelling in Spring 2024 are at risk for some EUC Bands and LDZs. This will be explored further during DESC meetings scheduled in 2023.
  - Sample Data Validation changes – agreed in meeting under Agenda Item 3.0a
- DESC approved the Modelling Approach Document and the final document will be issued in early March.

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