

Representation

Draft Modification Report

0314 - The provision of a "Data Update" to Non Code Parties

Consultation close out date: 25 February 2011

Organisation: npower

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Date of Representation: 24th February 2011

Do you support or oppose implementation?

Support/Qualified Support/Neutral/Not in Support/Comments* *delete as appropriate*

Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s) for your support/opposition.

We consider that, in the context of the roll out of Advanced Metering, the proposed introduction of a Data Hub which would manage the provision of AMR information in respect of I&C metering points to non-Code parties would be a helpful addition to the industry arrangements and assist interoperability. We would like to see this facility being open to all and note that the Modification Proposal aspires to the aim of "ensuring that at change of supply all potential Shippers and Suppliers will know what AMR devices are on site and the available arrangements for accessing reads". We are however mindful of the fact that the accessibility of the information held by the Data Hub will be dependent on the costs of accessing this service, which are not yet clear. It may be that the costs of using the service, once finalised, will mean that it is not cost-effective for some shippers, suppliers and others, in which case it will not meet the aspiration of ensuring that information is accessible to all. In general, however, we are supportive of the principles behind this Modification and therefore have no objection to its acceptance.

Are there any new or additional issues that you believe should be recorded in the Modification Report?

No.

Relevant Objectives:

How would implementation of this modification impact the relevant objectives?

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This modification does not, in itself, facilitate any of the relevant objectives, however it could enable the development of a service which could potentially assist in securing effective competition by improving the change of supply process for Industrial and Commercial sites where AMR is installed.

Impacts and Costs:

What analysis, development and ongoing costs would you face if this modification were implemented?

None from the implementation of this Modification in itself as this simply enables the provision of data to a Data Hub. However, we anticipate that there will be costs in using the service once developed, which have not yet been defined, and in setting up processes for interacting with the Data Hub.

Implementation:

What lead-time would you wish to see prior to this modification being implemented, and why?

No comment.

Legal Text:

Are you satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the modification?

Yes.

Is there anything further you wish to be taken into account?

Please provide any additional comments, supporting analysis, or other information that that you believe should be taken into account or you wish to emphasise.

No.