

UNC Modification 0647- Introducing Competition into DM Meter Reading – Draft Transitional Rules

UNC Modification 0647 does not include a transition period. Following discussions within the 0647 Workgroup an action was taken to document draft business rules for consideration.

The solution option for the Daily Meter Reading to be fulfilled by 'first past the post Meter Readings' in the transitional period has previously been discussed, but given that:

- Meter Readings may be received from either the Transporter DMSP or the Shipper User, and therefore this could be from alternative Meter Reading equipment which have differing levels of drift this could lead to material consumption inconsistencies.
- Access to portal would be granted to both parties, therefore this risked Shippers and Transporters being able to update information on the asset and readings for the Class I Supply Meter Points.

A view was expressed by Shippers that they would prefer that **for the transitional period only** a data item be maintained within UK Link systems to reflect the responsible party. These business rules are developed on this basis.

These business rules will require system impact assessment following agreement by the Workgroup.

Interpretation:

- Transition Period – the period allowed to facilitate transition from the exclusive provision of Daily Meter Readings that have a Class I Requirement from Transporters to Shipper Users.
- Transition Start Date – the date from which Shippers may start to provide Meter Readings for Class I Supply Meter Points.
- Transition End Date – the date from which Transporters will no longer be able to provide Meter Readings for Class I Supply Meter Points.
- Modification Implementation Date – same as Transition Start Date.
- Notice of Implementation Date – the date that the decision was notified via the Joint Office.

Generic Business Rules

The following rules apply to the transition period, regardless of the Solution Option chosen.

- The Transition Period will run for [3] months¹.
- Transporter DM Meter Readings liabilities will not apply from the Transition Start Date.
- From the Transition Start Date, Shippers may start to provide Daily Meter Readings.
- By the end of the Transition Period all Supply Meter Points should have Daily Meter Readings provided by the Shipper. Following the Transition End Date the Transporter will no longer be able to

¹ This is assumed because the expected implementation date will be June 2020 in UK Link systems (if it follows previous release date principles this would be 26th June 2020), and given the Shipper requirement for these to have concluded transition by the winter period this must be concluded by 30th September 2020.

provide Daily Meter Readings. The last date that the Transporter shall provide Daily Meter Readings is Transition End Date calendar day.

- [The period from the Notice of Implementation Date to the Transition End Date should be [12 months].

Commented [DA1]: Not sure that this is a transitional rule. I think that this is a main Mod BR.

Responsibility for Daily Meter Reading provision recorded by CDSP

- The Shipper will provide the Transporter DM Service Provider (DMSP) with the timetable for transitioning Supply Meter Points to Daily Meter Reading provision, and the point from which the Transporter Daily Meter Reading Service shall conclude.
- The Shipper will notify the CDSP of the effective date from which the Shipper User is taking responsibility for the provision of Daily Meter Readings. The effective date must be a Supply Point System Business Day. The effective date must be at least [3] Supply Point Business Days from the receipt date by the CDSP. The means of provision is via email [by the Shipper User Contract Manager / nominated Shipper User representative]. The CDSP must ensure that the effective date is populated so that this is effective on the date specified.
 - Following this effective date being reached any Meter Readings provided by the DMSP for a Meter Reading date on or following the effective date shall be rejected. A new rejection code may be required, although since the batch schedule is being decommissioned² following the Transition End Date an existing code could be re-used.
 - The DMSP will still be able to provide the DM Readings in the DLC file up until closeout (Gas Flow Day + 5) for reading dates prior to the effective date.
 - The DMSP will still be able to access the Portal to maintain information and submit daily read errors until Gas Flow Day + 5 for the period prior to the effective date.
 - Prior to the effective date any Shipper provided Daily Meter Readings for that Supply Meter Point will be rejected.
 - Portal access will only be granted to Shipper Users from the effective date specified.
 - The Daily Reading for the [effective date] is treated as a Check Reading (as a Class Change Reading) whether this is an actual or estimate reading.
- The Transition Period will only apply to the Registered User at the Transition Start Date. If the Supply Meter Point transfers to an alternative Shipper User then this Shipper User is responsible for Daily Meter Reading provision from the [Supply Point Registration Date].
 - This will not be explicitly stated on the Confirmation Response or Offer.

Commented [DA2]: This is proposed to provide flexibility so that if necessary this can be manually set by the CDSP – rather than creating a batch. It can be solutionised in other ways. This seems sensible but if objections will mandate a system solution if this needs to take effect on non working days.

² This assumes that the Datalogged NTS Supply Meter Point is included within scope of UNC Modification 0647.