

UNC 087X:

Updates to the Annual Quantity (AQ) amendment process



Proposer: SEFE Energy

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Why change?



- There has been a notable increase in the usage of the “eligible cause” known as ‘reason code 2’: *‘the installation, replacement or removal of Consumer’s Plant which results in a material change in the basis on which gas is consumed’*, used to amend a Supply Point AQ
- It has become clear that ‘reason code 2’ has been used beyond the present criteria/intention specified in the UNC for this “eligible cause”.
- The intention of this Modification is:
 - To provide additional clarity to the criteria of 'reason code 2', making it explicit when this “eligible cause” can be utilised and what criteria must be met to utilise it.
 - To extend the ability for the CDSP to reinstate the previous Annual Quantity (AQ) as per Reason Code 3 to this and to all “eligible causes” allows a route, where it has been identified that the “eligible cause” has been misused to be reversed.
- It is believed that making these changes provides the explicit clarity on the use of ‘reason code 2’, with the intention of reducing potential misuse, as well as having a process to address any misuse if subsequently identified for all reason codes.

Options



- The proposed change:
 - Validation rules to be applied and used when utilising reason code 2 to amend an AQ.
 - Extending TPD G 2.3.31 Clause to all reason codes to enable a AQ amendment that has NOT been submitted in good faith to be deemed to not have applied.
 - Updating the TPD G 2.3.4 (b)(i) to make it optional to provide a Valid Meter Reading when submitting an “eligible cause”.

Solution



- To provide clarity on the definition of the term ‘Consumer’s Plant’ (Clause G2.3.21) and to include validation rules to apply to reason code 2.
- Extending TPD G 2.3.31 to all reason codes to enable an AQ amendment that has NOT been submitted in good faith to be deemed to not have applied.
- Confirm the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) will monitor and investigate misuse of the process.
- Where it is determined, that an AQ amendment which has gone live is the result of a misuse, the AQ amendment shall be deemed to not have applied and any avoided costs will be recovered by the CDSP.
- Updating the TPD G 2.3.4 (b)(i) to make it optional to provide a Valid Meter Reading when submitting an “eligible cause”.

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be:
 - Is not a material change and should be subject to Self-Governance
 - Workgroup assessment to develop the Modification for up to 6 months