



# Seasonal Normal Review Update

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# Seasonal Normal Review: Implementation

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- Updates since February DESC meeting:
  - Revised Composite Weather Variables and Seasonal Normal Values used to derive revised EUC and historical aggregate NDM demand models
  - Revised values of ALPt, DAft, EWCft and other model parameters were made available to shippers via UK Link docs in March 2010
  - Note: For gas year 2009/10 only the ALPt and DAft were published for whole year. Values of EWCft and CWVt for gas year 2009/10 can only be made available in stages – depends on actual weather on the day.
  - Updated files of EWCft and CWVt published on weekly basis on UK Link docs until the end of the gas year

# Seasonal Normal Review – Further Discussions

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- Transporters agreed at December DESC to continue discussions with shippers during 2010 on SN basis with focus on access to data and possibility of using alternative increments
- These two main areas were further re-enforced during discussions with shippers in early 2010
- Updates on additional data availability:
  - National Grid Transmission have agreed contractual arrangements with Met Office which facilitates the provision to the Met Office of gas industry weather data upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.
  - Interested UNC parties now have the opportunity to make their own arrangements for acquiring the data
  - The ‘linearly adjusted EP2 increments’ used within the SNCWV methodology were published on UK Link docs in March 2010

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- Updates on alternative increments:
  - Informal discussions have taken place with the Met Office regarding the production of a set of ‘variable increments’ which could be used as an alternative to the ‘linearly adjusted increments’
  - Met Office advised work could be done however they believe any change to the current SNCWV values would be negligible and so in their view may not be a worthwhile approach
  - Transporters agreed in December '09 to consider requests for specific analysis on the SNCWV values, that may be carried out in the Autumn (depending on resources and timescales)
    - In light of the Met Office views on alternative increments Transporters believe in the short term they do not have anything new to analyse

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- Future updates on Seasonal Normal basis:
  - Although Transporters are happy with the gas industry weather data records, they are aware of the feedback shippers have made regarding this dataset
  - In this context, Transporters believe it may now be worth pursuing longer term goals, one such goal could possibly be an industry agreed weather history dataset
  - Transporters are supporting the RG280 review group and are aware of potential changes which may arise with regards to the decision making of demand estimation processes – which includes the seasonal normal methodology
  - Therefore, Transporters believe it may be more appropriate to await the outcome of RG280 rather than undertake additional analysis under the current regime