

0576:

Generation of an estimated Meter Reading at the Code Cut Off Date in the absence of an actual Meter Reading



This Modification would provide Transporters with an ability to create an estimated Meter Reading with an effective date of the Code Cut Off Date where no Meter Reading has been received within the previous seven years.



The Workgroup recommends that this modification should be:

- Returned to Workgroup for further assessment.



High Impact:
None



Medium Impact:
Shipper Users and Transporters



Low Impact:
None

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This report will be presented to the panel on 19 May 2016.		Systems Provider: Xoserve
The panel will consider whether the modification should proceed to consultation or be returned to the workgroup for further assessment.		 commercial.enquiries@xoserve.com
The Workgroup recommends the following timetable:		
Initial consideration by Workgroup	12 April 2016	
Amended Modification considered by Workgroup	06 June 2016	
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	16 June 2016	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	16 June 2016	
Consultation Close-out for representations	08 July 2016	
Final Modification Report published for Panel	11 July 2016	
UNC Modification Panel decision	21 July 2016	

1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The Modification Panel determined that this is not self governance modification as it is expected to have a material impact on parties or impact competition.

Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

This Modification is not proposed as a fast track Modification as it is not an administrative change to the Code.

Why Change?

Where a Meter Reading has not been received by the Transporter Agency, Xoserve for seven years or more, there is a need for Xoserve to calculate and load an estimated Meter Reading, based on the Code Cut Off Date in order for the relevant Supply Point to reconcile upon receipt of a subsequent Meter Reading.

Solution

It is proposed that where a Meter Reading is not present following the 1st April in the Formula Year t-6 it is proposed that the Transporter would calculate an estimated Meter Reading for the Code Cut Off Date. – i.e. this would be 1st April in Formula Year t-3. For example, if by 31st March 2018 a Meter Reading has not been received after 1st April 2011 an estimated Meter Reading would be calculated with an effective date of 1st April 2015.

Relevant Objectives

This Modification would further GT Licence relevant objective d) 'Securing of effective competition between relevant Shippers and relevant Suppliers' by enabling Transporters to insert an estimated reading for affected Supply Meters. This would enable Individual Meter Point Reconciliation to take place when a subsequent Meter Reading is received; in doing so Transporters would be able to allocate consumption to the correct Shipper User.

Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed.

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This Modification is required to support implementation of the UK Link Replacement programme (which incorporates the changes required for Project Nexus). This is because it assists transition to and maintenance of the requirements set out in the Project Nexus Business Requirement Documentation. There is no impact on the Ofgem SCR.

2 Why Change?

The UNC sets out the requirements for Meter Reading submission. There is a population of approximately 26,000 Supply Meter Points for which a Supply Meter is recorded on the Supply Point Register as installed but a Valid Meter Reading has not been accepted for the previous 7 years. The UNC does not contemplate a circumstance where a Supply Meter remains unread for prolonged periods of time.

The Transporter Agency has been working with the industry through the Data Cleansing Workgroup to encourage Shipper Users to submit Valid Meter Readings for Supply Meters where the last recorded Meter Reading is many years old.

The Project Nexus arrangements implemented under UNC Modification 0432 introduces Individual Meter Point Reconciliation for all Supply Meter Points. The reconciliation process requires the use of certain data for the relevant period e.g. annual load profiles etc. To efficiently implement and operate the UK Link system a maximum 7 years data will be migrated to the new system (the remaining data will be archived and will still be accessible where required). Therefore where a Supply Meter has not been read within the last 7 years, no Meter Reading will be migrated to the new register and therefore there will be no Meter Reading recorded against which an Individual Meter Point Reconciliation can be performed when the next post-Nexus Meter Reading is accepted.

3 Solution

It is proposed that where a Meter Reading is not recorded on the Supply Point Register following the 1st April in Formula Year t-6 it is proposed that the Transporter would calculate an estimated Meter Reading as at the Code Cut Off Date – i.e. this would be 1st April in Formula Year t-3. An example of this is that if by 31st March 2018 a Meter Reading has not been received after 1st April 2011 an estimated Meter Reading would be inserted with an effective date of 1st April 2015 (being the relevant Code Cut Off Date).

This would be an enduring process. However the solution would be initially applied as part of migration to the UK Link system incorporating the Project Nexus requirements. In this respect transitional terms are required.

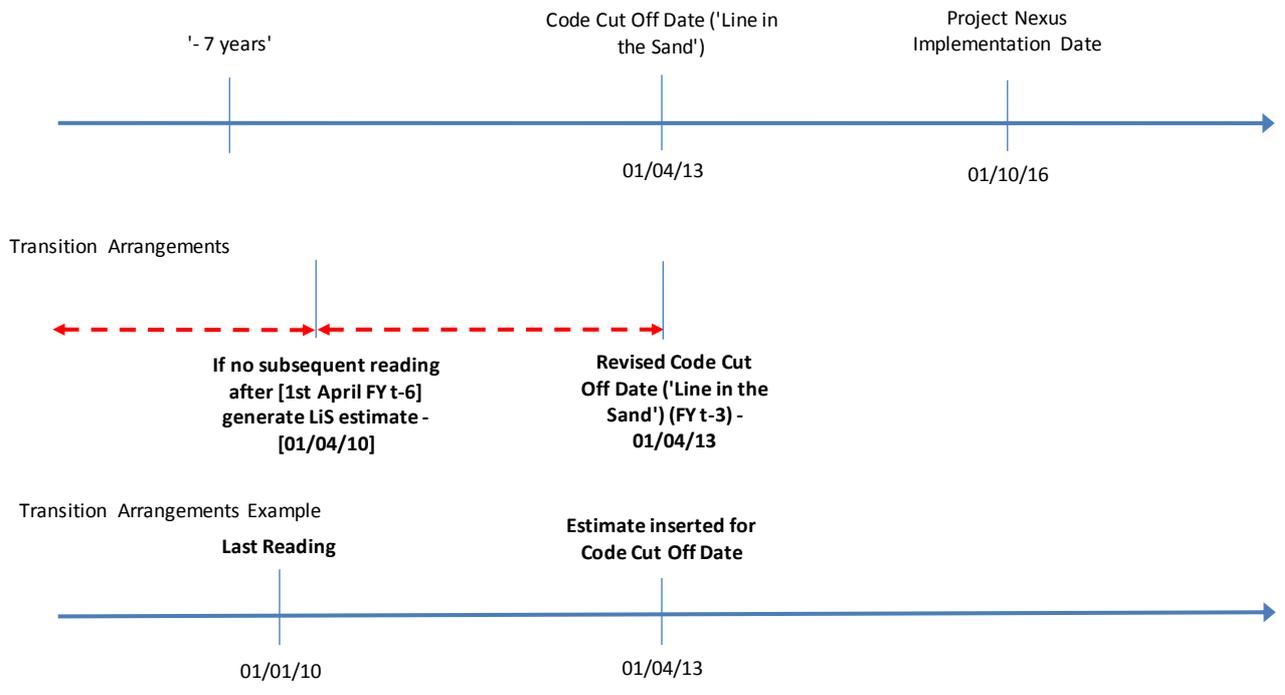
It is proposed that the prevailing NDM Meter Reading estimation routines would be used. In circumstances where no record of a Meter Reading is available a Meter Reading of all zeroes would be recorded.

Shipper Users may seek to replace any estimated Meter Readings with an actual Meter Reading provided that the estimated Meter Reading is within the period of that User's Supply Point Registration. It is assumed that these Supply Points would be within the same User's ownership. This is because in absence of a Valid Meter Reading an estimated Meter Reading would have been inserted where a Change of Shipper User event had occurred.

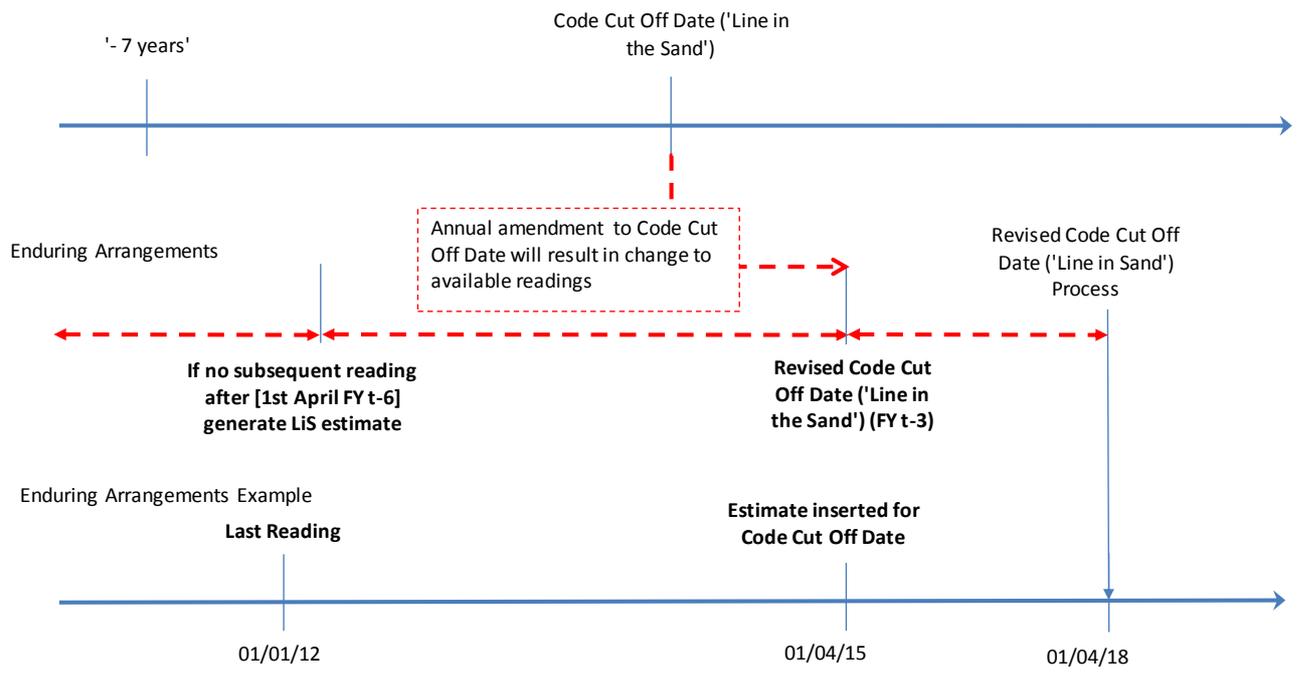
The solution would be initially applied as part of migration to the UK Link system incorporating the Project Nexus requirements. In this respect transitional terms are required to provide for an estimated Meter Reading 3 years prior to the Project Nexus Implementation Date.

The transitional and enduring solutions are illustrated on the diagrams below.

Transitional arrangements



Enduring arrangements



User Pays

Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.	No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.	N/A
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.	N/A
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.	N/A

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	Positive
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Impacted
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

This Modification would further GT Licence relevant objective d) 'Securing of effective competition between relevant Shippers and relevant Suppliers'. This would be by enabling Transporters to insert an

estimated Meter Reading for affected Supply Meters. In turn this would enable Individual Meter Point Reconciliation to take place at a Supply Meter Point when a subsequent Meter Reading is received, in doing so Transporters would be able to allocate consumption to the correct Shipper User.

Some Workgroup participants consider this modification would facilitate the implementation of the UK-Link Replacement programme (including the arrangements identified within Project Nexus UNC Modifications 0432, 0434 and 0440) allowing the transition from current systems and processes to the new versions. The measures identified can therefore be expected to facilitate relevant objective f) 'Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

5 Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed.

6 Impacts

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This Modification is required to support implementation of the UK Link Replacement programme (which incorporates the changes required for Project Nexus) as it assists transition to and maintenance of the requirements set out in the Nexus Business Requirement Documentation.

Pre Project Nexus Implementation

The changes would affect the UK Link Replacement programme prior to implementation. This is because the approaches identified within this Modification are necessary to efficiently migrate data to the target system.

Project Nexus Implementation

The changes identified within this Modification would be applicable on an enduring basis.

7 Legal Text

While the Proposer is welcome to put forward suggested legal text, formal legal text and commentary will be provided by the Transporters when requested to do so by the Modification Panel.

If this is a proposed Fast Track Self-Governance modification then legal drafting and commentary must be provided.

Text Commentary

In support of the legal text provided, the legal representative shall provide a plain English explanatory note setting out the approach taken to converting the Solution into legal text, illustrating how the legal text delivers the intent of the Solution.

Insert text here

Text

The following Text has been prepared by X, and no issues were raised by the Workgroup regarding its content.

or

Text was not available for Workgroup assessment. However Text has been provided as a separate document published alongside this report.

or

The following Text has been prepared by X at the request of the Modification Panel.

8 Recommendation

The Workgroup invites the Panel to:

- AGREE that this modification should be returned to Workgroup for further assessment.

The Workgroup requests Panel to allow additional time for further assessment of the modification as the proposer has identified that the modification should be amended and this would impact the legal text. The additional time would allow for the amended solution and associated legal text to be assessed by the Workgroup prior to being issued to consultation.