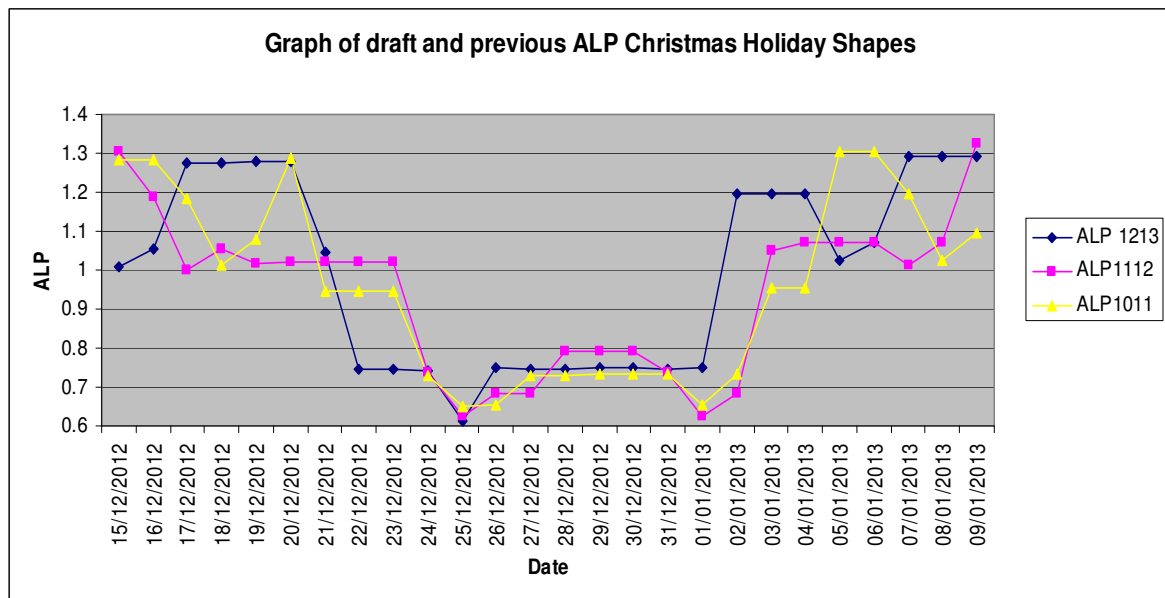


## Npower Comments relating to Gas Year 2012-2013 NDM Gas Demand Allocation Profile Data

With regards the NDM Gas Demand Allocation Profile Data released in June npower would like to raise the following point.

### ALP Christmas Holiday Shape

On performing analysis of draft ALP profiles it has become apparent that the shape of the ALP over the Christmas Holiday (22<sup>nd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January) follows a different pattern to previous years for a number of “non-residential” EUCs. As the Christmas Holiday pattern is date specific then the assumption is that this pattern change is not as a result of day of the week impact, what day Christmas Day actually falls. The below graph illustrates this variation by comparing the draft profiles for 2012-2013 with previous years for EUC WS:E1209B. Is there a reason for why the Christmas Holiday shape has been altered for this year?



The shape appears distorted for the following reasons:

- In previous years there is a drop in the magnitude of the ALP on Christmas Day and New Years Day, the draft ALPs do not contain a drop for New Years Day
- In previous years there was not a notable drop in the magnitude of ALP for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. However, the draft ALPs show a considerable drop in magnitude for these days
- The increase in ALP from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> January appears far greater as the increase witnessed in previous years ALPs