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UNC Draft Modification Report

UNC 0668S:

Amendment of the Data Permission Matrix to add Alt Han Company as a new User type

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Purpose of Modification:

This Modification seeks to amend the Data Permission Matrix to add Alt Han Company (AltHANCo) as a new User type.

	<p>This Draft Modification Report is issued for consultation responses at the request of the Panel. All parties are invited to consider whether they wish to submit views regarding this self-governance modification.</p> <p>The close-out date for responses is 10 January 2019, which should be sent to enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk. A response template, which you may wish to use, is at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0668.</p> <p>The Panel will consider the responses and agree whether or not this self-governance modification should be made.</p>
	<p>High Impact: None</p>
	<p>Medium Impact: None</p>
	<p>Low Impact: Transporters, Shipper Users, CDSP</p>

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The Proposer recommends the following timetable:		
Initial consideration by Workgroup	27 September 2018	
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	20 December 2018	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	20 December 2018	
Consultation Close-out for representations	10 January 2019	
Final Modification Report available for Panel	11 January 2019	
Modification Panel decision	17 January 2019	
An equivalent Modification has been raised for the IGT UNC, and the two Modifications were developed at one workgroup.		

1 Summary

What

AltHANCo is requesting access to data governed under the UNC / Data Services Contract (DSC). To be able to submit a request to create the permission for the disclosure of data to AltHANCo, AltHANCo needs to be added as a new User type to the Data Permission Matrix.

Modification 0649S - Update to UNC to formalise the Data Permission Matrix, has formally created the Data Permission Matrix as part of the UK Link Manual. Modification 0649S requires that the addition of a new User type (a new party to be recognised on the Data Permission Matrix) is undertaken by a UNC Modification. Once the new User type is created the approval for the release of data to the new User type is held by the Data Services Contract, Contract Management Committee (CoMC). A request for disclosure of data is made by a disclosure request report, following the procedure agreed with the CoMC as set out in the operating guidelines document – the disclosure of Protected Information by Xoserve of data held in its role as the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP), a document governed under the CoMC.

Why

Certain properties e.g. flats, where the meter and the in-home display are far apart and the Home Area Network (HAN) is not sufficient for meter to in home display communications, they instead require an Alternative Home Area Network (AltHAN) for communications. This change is required to add AltHANCo to the Data Permission Matrix. Once this is completed (via this Modification), a disclosure request report will be submitted to the Data Services Contract CoMC, to gain approval for the specific data items to be permitted to be disclosed to AltHANCo. AltHANCo is requesting access to a data set to enable these types of properties to be identified in advance of smart meter installations for an efficient roll-out of smart meters. The dataset being requested will be used along with other data available to AltHANCo to:

- Exclude properties for which an alternative home area network is not required e.g. supply meter points for which a smart meter installation is not required or supply meter points where a smart meter is already installed;
- Identify candidate supply meter points where an alternative home area network is likely to be required, which can then be subject to a site survey.

How

This enabling Modification is proposing to add AltHANCo as a new User type for inclusion in UNC Section V and to the Data Permission Matrix.

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance, Authority Direction or Urgency

It is proposed that this Modification is classified as Self-Governance as it is unlikely to have a material impact on gas consumers, competition, pipeline operations, security of supply, governance procedures and it does not discriminate between Code parties. This Modification is to enable data sharing permissions and therefore administrative only.

As there is an IGT UNC Modification (IGT116), both followed the same governance and Workgroup process.

Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- issued to consultation.

The Workgroup agrees that this Modification should follow Self-Governance procedures as it aims include Alt Han Co as an eligible party for the provision of data by their inclusion in the Data Provision Matrix. This is not considered to be a material change and facilitates the process for data provision managed of the DSC Contract Management Committee, which will be responsible for ensuring the suitability of any data to be provided.

3 Why Change?

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Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)

A number of tests are used to determine whether a PIA is required. This request is for access for a new party who have not previously had routine access to the information and the disclosure is for the complete supply point register.

A PIA is to be made available for assessment by the DSC Contract Management Committee.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

The Alternative Home Area Network (AltHAN) arrangements are set out in Section Z of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) and there are two key mechanisms that facilitate the delivery of the arrangements.

The Alt HAN Forum makes decisions required to carry out the activities and services of the Alt HAN Company (AltHANCo). In doing so it can delegate and give direction to the AltHANCo.

The Forum is made up of Relevant Supplier Parties, who operate in the GB Smart Metering market, nominated and elected in accordance with the processes detailed in Section Z of the SEC. <https://www.althanco.com/>

5 Solution

This enabling Modification is proposing to add the AlthANCo as a new User type to the Data Permission Matrix.

The data is required by AlthANCo for the identification of potential alternative HAN candidates only and should be for the duration of AlthAN rollout – the permissions need to be reviewed and seek to be revoked once rollout has concluded or there is a no-go decision on contacts with AlthANCo.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

No impact.

Consumer Impacts

None directly identified as this is a permissions Modification to permit the release of data to AlthANCo that may lead to benefits to the consumer. However, this is subject to confirmation by the PIA.

Cross Code Impacts

A joint Workgroup was established to include this Modification and IGT UNC Modification 116.

EU Code Impacts

None.

Central Systems Impacts

As this is a permissions Modification there are no direct impacts on Central Systems, however, impacts will be identified and developed through the DSC Contract Management and Change Management Committees where required to deliver the data requested.

7 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;	None

(ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	
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.	Positive
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 change is to add AltHANCo to the Data Permission Matrix. This Modification is less onerous than creating bespoke permissions for AltHANCo within the main body of the UNC and aligns with the principles approved in UNC Modification 0649S - Update to UNC to formalise the Data Permission Matrix.

8 Implementation

As self-governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement, subject to no Appeal being raised, it should also be aligned with the IGT UNC.

9 Legal Text

Legal Text was provided by Scotia Gas Networks and there were no issues identified by the Workgroup.

Text Commentary

Update to UNC to formalise the addition of Alt Han Company as a new User type of the Data Permission Matrix

Text

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE – TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT

SECTION V – GENERAL

Add a new paragraph 5.5.2(k):

- 5.5.2 (k) in accord with the provisions of paragraph 5.5.2(j) and to the disclosure of Protected Information by the CDSP the Data Permissions Matrix (as further defined at paragraph 5.2.1(g) of section D of the General Terms) shall be amended to specifically authorise Alt Han Company (number 10002859) (“**AltHANCo**”) as a new User type. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the provisions of this clause, the right to review the authority granted to a new User type shall be reserved.

10 Recommendations

Panel's Recommendation to Interested Parties

The Panel have recommended that this report is issued to consultation and all parties should consider whether they wish to submit views regarding this self-governance modification.