

Summary of Key Messages from DESC on 5th October 2022

Agenda Item Outcomes

Agenda Item 2.0: 2022/23 NDM Algorithms Update

- DESC discussed the ongoing issue of over-allocation to the Non-Daily Metered (NDM) sector and subsequent negative Unidentified Gas (UIG), as observed during the second half of Gas Year 2021/22 and at the beginning of the Gas Year 2022/23. One of the main reasons for this over-allocation is due to the current 'disconnect' between AQs and the real base level demand which is reducing (due to enforced conservation caused by high energy prices and cost of living).

A proposal was reviewed and discussed by DESC, which involved updating the Annual Load Profiles (ALPs) for the Domestic End User Categories (EUCs) with a 'reduction factor'. This would have the effect of compensating for the AQs currently being too high thereby producing a lower estimated demand for the Domestic EUCs (and reducing the negative UIG levels).

DESC debated the proposal and recognised that the over-allocation is an issue but felt the proposal of amending the ALPs was not dealing with the root cause (i.e. AQs) and so voted **AGAINST** the proposal.

It was agreed that the topic should be reviewed again by DESC at its meeting in December.

Agenda Item 3.0 Seasonal Normal Review 2025

- In preparation for the next Seasonal Normal Review (2025), DESC voted **FOR** beginning steps to initiate a procurement exercise for a new Climate Change Methodology and associated datasets. A Change Proposal will now follow with an aim for this to be discussed at the November Change Management Committee

There will be opportunities in future meetings at DESC to get involved in this piece of work once the process and timetable has been agreed – due to be discussed again at the DESC meeting in December.

Material presented to DESC on the above items and more is available [here](#)