Summary of Key Messages from DESC on 7th July 2022

Agenda Item Outcomes

Agenda Item 2.0: 2022/23 NDM Algorithms – Review DESC Representations

- DESC reviewed the CDSP's response to the comments raised by its members in relation to the draft NDM Algorithms for Gas Year 2022/23.

  All responses were accepted and DESC voted unanimously to commence to the next phase of consultation, which is to ask for comments from the wider industry on this year's profiles.

  Note: As part of this review DESC agreed that a more prudent approach was necessary when moving away from the historical MOD451AV demand model (10 years old), used to derive profiles for Band 1 and 2 Domestic Prepayment customers ("01BPD" and "02BPD"), to a more upto date demand model (based on last 12 months). A 'smoothed' approach was agreed which will mean movement to SOQs in this population will be minimised. Material available here for more information

- The Joint Office issued a notification of this on Friday 8th July which confirms the closing date for any UNC party that wishes to make a representation is Friday 15th July. DESC will then consider any final comments at its meeting on Tuesday 19th July.

Agenda Item 3.0: Review of DESC and Technical Workgroup Arrangements

- DESC discussed the effectiveness of the current arrangements for its Technical Workgroup. As a result, DESC agreed that each year once the new DESC Membership is confirmed, it will review the next 12 month's workplan and decide if a Technical Workgroup is needed for any of the matters due to arise.

- Joint Office will then write out to the industry asking for additional expertise should DESC feel it is necessary. JO also proposed changes to the Terms of Reference which allows DESC to retain a more flexible approach each year which were approved by DESC.

- DESC remains an open forum. The remaining meetings for 2022 are available here

Material presented to DESC on all the above items is available here