

Summary of Key Messages from DESC on 7th October 2019

Outcomes

2.0 Seasonal Normal Review 2020

- 2.1 Review of Composite Weather Variable (CWV) Optimisation

At its meeting in July DESC approved a revision to the CWV formula.

Following this decision, DESC reviewed the analysis which seeks to explain the optimum relationship between weather (CWV) and demand. The results revealed an overall improvement when compared to the current formula definition, particularly over the problematic shoulder periods (demand switch on/off).

The proposed optimised parameters were unanimously approved by DESC.

The final set of optimised CWV parameters will be used in the revised formula from 1st October 2020 and will be used in the Demand Estimation modelling next year which will create models for Gas Year 2020/21.

This concludes the CWV formula review work (UNC H 1.4.3)

- 2.2. Approach to Seasonal Normal Basis (SNCWV)

Following the conclusion of the CWV formula review, DESC reviewed the next steps required to derive a new basis for determining seasonal normal. A draft methodology will be prepared first prior to any calculations being carried out. This is expected to be concluded in early November.

DESC are aiming to approve a new basis, including the SNCWV values at its 9th December DESC meeting.

3.0 NDM Sample Update

- Xoserve provided an update on the number of sample points available for the analysis of the demand models for Gas Year 2018/19 which will be presented at the 9th December DESC meeting. Overall numbers are looking good for most categories of consumer (EUC) other than Pre-Payment.

The deadline for submissions to support this analysis was Monday 7th October, however Xoserve are willing to accept additional submissions by Friday 11th October if you have daily data from Pre-Payment supply points.

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