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Prevention of MN09 Exception - Reconciliation Factor Calculation

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Background and Issue

- The MN09 exception is generated as a result of a failure to calculate the Reconciliation Factor
- Until it is resolved the exception prevents any further billing of the MPRN
- There is a risk that following implementation of Urgent Modification 0722 the volume of exceptions could increase exponentially

Please note this issue is occurring regardless of Modification 0722, the modification simply increases the risk of the volume of exceptions occurring.

- The scenario in which this occurs is where the prevailing volume used in the calculation is zero
 - Re-reconciliation of a period with zero consumption
- The calculation is defined within Section E of the UNC however there is no allowance for a zero prevailing volume

Code Definition - Section E

- 6.2.2 For the purposes of an Offtake Reconciliation in respect of a relevant System Exit Point, in relation to any Day (D) in the Reconciliation Metered Period:
 - (a) the "Daily Reconciliation Quantity" (DRQD) shall be determined as follows:

$$DRQ_D = \frac{PRDQO_D}{} * (DRF_D - 1)$$

where:

PRDQO_D is the Prevailing Reconciled Daily Quantity Offtaken for the Day (as determined prior to the Reconciliation Meter Reading)

DRFD is the Daily Reconciliation Factor for the Day

(b) the "Daily Reconciliation Factor" (DRF_D) is a factor in respect of the Reconciliation Metered Period, calculated as:

$$DRF_D = RMV / PMV$$

where for that Reconciliation Metered Period:

RMV is the Reconciliation Metered Volume

PMV is the Prevailing Metered Volume

- 6.2.3 The "Prevailing Metered Volume" for a Reconciliation Metered Period is calculated as follows:
 - (a) if the Reconciliation Metered Period is a single Day

$$PMV = PRDQO_D / CV_D$$

(b) if the Reconciliation Metered Period is more than one Day:

$$PMV = \Sigma (PRDQO_D / CV_D)$$

where

 Σ is the sum over all Days in the Reconciliation Metered Period and where, for each Day in the Reconciliation Metered Period

CV_D is the relevant calorific value

PRDQOD is the Prevailing Reconciled Daily Quantity Offtaken.

What is required from UNCC?

- Currently, the UK Link calculation for Reconciliation Factor is built in line with the definition in Section E and the UNC reconciliation factor calculation does not cater for a zero prevailing volume
- As this is an issue related to UNC, we wanted to highlight it to UNC Committee
- We are seeking approval from UNCC to implement a solution to handle a zero prevailing volume within these calculations whilst achieving the result in line with the intent of the UNC
- With approval, solution design can progress and delivery of the solution expedited

Next steps

- The CDSP will progress solution design to handle a zero prevailing volume within these calculations
- In anticipation of approval, the CDSP have raised an internal change to investigate the issue
- Following the investigation, we will be in a position to understand the solutions and how they can be delivered. This will be shared with the Change Management Committee sub-group DSG
- The solution(s) will drive the delivery options. If the solution requires delivery through a UK Link release, we will follow the change governance process. The aim is to deliver a solution as soon as possible