

UNC Modification	At what stage is this document in the process?
<p><b>UNC 0XXX:</b>  <i>(Code Administrator to issue reference)</i></p> <p><b>Mod Title</b> <i>(Please provide a short informative title)</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">01</span> Modification         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">02</span> Workgroup Report         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">03</span> Draft Modification Report         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">04</span> Final Modification Report         </div> </div>
<p><b>Purpose of Modification:</b> <i>(Proposer to provide a short description)</i></p> <p>Insert Text Here</p>	
<p><b>Next Steps:</b>  <i>Please provide an initial view of the preferred governance route/pathway and impacted parties</i></p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be: <i>(delete as appropriate)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>subject to [Fast Track] Self-Governance</li> <li>considered a material change and not subject to Self-Governance</li> <li>assessed by a Workgroup</li> <li>proceed to Consultation</li> <li>treated as urgent and should proceed as such under a timetable agreed with the Authority</li> </ul> <p>This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on <b>dd mmm yyyy</b> <i>(Code Administrator to provide date)</i>. The Panel will consider the Proposer’s recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p> <p><i>Please consider providing a presentation to introduce the Modification to the UNC Modification Panel which should be sent with your Modification to the Joint Office (a suggested template is available at: <a href="https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/unc/templates">https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/unc/templates</a>)</i></p>	
<p><b>Impacted Parties:</b> <i>(delete as appropriate)</i></p> <p><i>Proposer to identify impacted parties e.g. Suppliers, Shippers, Distribution Network Operators, Independent Gas Transporters, Consumers)</i></p> <p>High:</p> <p>Low:</p> <p>None:</p>	
<p><b>Impacted Codes:</b> <i>(delete as appropriate)</i></p> <p><i>Proposer to identify any other impacted energy code e.g. Supply Point Administration Agreement, Independent Gas Transporters UNC, Balancing and Settlement Code. Please</i></p>	

refer to the [Code Administration Code of Practice \(CACoP\)](#) for energy Code Administrators.

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Pre-Modification Discussed	dd month year		Systems Provider: Xoserve
Date Modification Raised	dd month year		 <a href="mailto:UKLink@xoserve.com">UKLink@xoserve.com</a>
New Modification to be considered by Panel	dd month year		<a href="mailto:UKLink@xoserve.com">om</a>
First Workgroup Meeting	dd month year		Other: Insert name
Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel	dd month year		 email address
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	dd month year		 telephone
Consultation Close-out for representations	dd month year		
Final Modification Report available for Panel	dd month year		
Modification Panel decision	dd month year		

**Guidance on the use of this Template:**

Please complete all sections unless specifically marked for the Code Administrator.

Green italic text is provided as guidance and should be removed before submission.

The Code Administrator is available to help and support the drafting of any modifications, including guidance on completion of this template and the wider modification process. Contact: [enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk) or 0121 288 2107. Proposers may also wish to refer to the Modification Proposal Guidelines Document available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/unc/templates>

## 1 Summary

Please provide a high level executive summary of the Modification proposed including drivers and benefits i.e. **what** is the identified defect/change in the existing code that needs to be rectified, **why** this change needs to be made, and **how**.

### What

Provide a summary of **what** needs to be changed so that readers have an overview of what the identified defect is that needs to be rectified.

Insert text here

### Why

Provide a summary of **why** this change should be made, so that readers have an overview of the impact if the change is not made.

Insert text here

### How

Provide a summary of the proposed Solution so that readers have an overview of **how** you propose to address the defect.

Insert text here

## 2 Governance

### Justification for [Fast Track] Self-Governance, Authority Direction or Urgency

Insert text here

Please state clearly which governance procedures apply and why, referring to the relevant criteria (reproduced by the Code Administrator below):

The proposer must explain the level of materiality that justifies the chosen route. **MATERIALITY MUST BE EVIDENCED TO REQUEST AUTHORITY DIRECTION**

**Self-Governance Criteria** (please refer to the Authority Direction/Self Governance Materiality Guidance published at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods> and delete criteria):

The modification:

(i) is unlikely to have a material effect on:

(aa) existing or future gas consumers; and

*(bb) competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes; and*

*(cc) the operation of one or more pipe-line system(s); and*

*(dd) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and*

*(ee) the uniform network code governance procedures or the network code modification procedures; and*

*(ii) is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of parties to the uniform network code/relevant gas transporters, gas shippers or DN operators.*

### **Fast Track Self-Governance Criteria** (please delete criteria):

*The modification:*

- a. would meet the Self-Governance criteria; and*
- b. is properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change, including but not limited to:
  - i. updating names or addresses listed in the uniform network code;*
  - ii. correcting minor typographical errors;*
  - iii. correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering; or*
  - iv. updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs.**

### **Requested Next Steps**

This Modification should: *(delete as appropriate)*

- be considered a non-material change and subject to Self-Governance
- be considered a material change and not subject to Self-Governance
- be subject to [Fast Track] Self-Governance
- be assessed by a Workgroup
- proceed to Consultation
- be treated as urgent and should proceed as such under a timetable agreed with the Authority

*Please provide any additional information to support your preferred next steps, such as any critical events driving the timeline. For instance, if you wish your proposal to be issued directly to consultation without workgroup assessment, you must explain why such an assessment is not required and include details of any pre-modification engagement.*

Insert text here

## **3 Why Change?**

*This section sets out the defect in Code, which may be an error, an omission or something the Proposer wishes to change. The context for the proposal must be clearly set out and should explain:*

- 1. What are the driver and benefits and which parties are impacted;*
- 2. Why this is a Code matter (in the case of new additions); and*
- 3. What the effects are should the change not be made.*

Insert text here

### **Insert subheading here (if required)**

Insert text here

## **4 Code Specific Matters**

*Please include any Code Related Documents or Guidance notes that are relevant. Weblinks are very helpful. Also, any specific analytical or assessment-related skills you believe would aid the assessment.*

### **Reference Documents**

Insert text here

### **Knowledge/Skills**

Insert text here

## **5 Solution**

*The solution must clearly set out the contractual (UNC) changes required, not the detail of the process/system change required.*

*Any additional explanation that Proposers believe is helpful, but that is not intended to be written into Code, must be clearly marked as such (“for information only” or “for the avoidance of doubt” or similar works well in such situations) to aid with the development of legal text.*

### **Insert subheading here (if required)**

Insert text here

## **6 Impacts & Other Considerations**

*All parts of this section must be completed; showing “None” where the Proposer believes this is so.*

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

*In the event there is an impact on an SCR, Proposers must confirm that they have Ofgem approval to proceed.*

Insert text here

### **Consumer Impacts**

*Proposers must provide their view of the impacts on all consumer groups that may be affected; this will be supported by further input from Workgroup participants later in the process. If ‘none’, please also explain.*

Insert text here

### **What is the current consumer experience and what would the new consumer experience be?**

*Proposer should explain:*

- 1. the common end consumer’s experience of the issue the modification seeks to address; and*

2. *the experience of end consumers if this modification is not implemented.*
3. *the end consumer experience will change with the introduction of the modification, setting out both positives and negatives.*

Insert text here

When filling in the table below please consider each consumer group:

- *Domestic Consumers*
- *Small non-domestic Consumers*
- *Large non-domestic Consumers*
- *Very Large Consumers*

<b>Impact of the change on Consumer Benefit Areas:</b>	
Area	Identified impact
<p>Improved safety and reliability</p> <p><i>Will this change mean that the energy system can operate more safely and reliably now and in the future in a way that benefits end consumers?</i></p> <p><i>This area would relate to changes which balance the system safely, securely and at optimum cost, particularly for consumers in vulnerable situations. It would also consider changes which introduce flexibility across the market to flow energy at the most efficient profile, lower operational costs and make sure GB consumers can access the cheapest sources of energy.</i></p> <p>Insert text here</p>	<p>Positive/Negative/None</p>
<p>Lower bills than would otherwise be the case</p> <p><i>Will this change lower consumers' bills by controlling, reducing, and optimising spend, for example on balancing and operating the system?</i></p> <p><i>This area would relate to changes that are likely to benefit end consumers. This could include any change where it has been demonstrated that it could lower bills for end consumers.</i></p> <p><i>If possible, this section should include any quantifiable benefits.</i></p> <p><i>What costs or benefits will pass through to consumers?</i></p> <p>Insert text here</p>	<p>Positive/Negative/None</p>

<p>Reduced environmental damage</p> <p><i>Will this Modification Proposal support:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>a reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions?</i></li> <li>• <i>new providers and technologies?</i></li> <li>• <i>a move to hydrogen or lower greenhouse gases?</i></li> <li>• <i>the journey toward statutory net-zero targets?</i></li> <li>• <i>decarbonisation?</i></li> </ul> <p><i>This area would relate to changes which demonstrate innovative work to design solutions which ensure the system can operate in an environmentally sustainable way both now and in the future.</i></p> <p><i>Proposers must provide the impact (if any) of the Modification proposed on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, if it is likely to be material. The Proposer shall assess the quantifiable impact of such Modification in accordance with the Authority's <a href="#">Carbon Costs Guidance</a></i></p> <p>Insert text here</p>	<p>Positive/Negative/None</p>
<p>Improved quality of service</p> <p><i>This area would focus on demonstrating why and how the change can improve the quality of service for some or all end consumers. Improved service quality ultimately benefits the end consumer due to interactions in the value chains across the industry being more seamless, efficient, and effective.</i></p> <p>Insert text here</p>	<p>Positive/Negative/None</p>
<p>Benefits for society as a whole</p> <p><i>This area would relate to any other identified changes to society, such as jobs or the economy.</i></p> <p>Insert text here</p>	<p>Positive/Negative/None</p>

**Cross-Code Impacts**

*Please identify any other impacted energy code – e.g. iGT UNC or SPAA a full list is available in the CACoP (Ofgem) - and the extent of those impacts e.g. a similar Modification has or will need to be raised in another Code. It is likely that Panel will request joint Workgroup meetings.*

*Explain how you intend to address any consequential Cross Code impacts.*

Insert text here

**EU Code Impacts**

*Please identify any impacted EU energy code*

Insert text here

## Central Systems Impacts

*Proposers must provide their view of the impacts on central systems (inc. Gemini and UK Link) that may be affected; this will be supported by further input from the Central Data Services Provider (Xoserve) later in the process. If 'none', please also explain.*

*Explain how you intend to address any consequential Data Services Contract impacts.*

Insert text here

## 7 Relevant Objectives

### Impact of the Modification on the Transporters' Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	Positive/Negative/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.	Positive/Negative/None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	Positive/Negative/None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	Positive/Negative/None
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.	Positive/Negative/None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive/Negative/None
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.	Positive/Negative/None

### **AND/OR, for Section Y (Charging Methodology) Modifications**

### Impact of the Modification on the Transporters' Relevant Charging Methodology Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Save in so far as paragraphs (aa) or (d) apply, that compliance with the charging methodology results in charges which reflect the costs incurred by the licensee in its transportation business;	Positive/Negative/None
aa) That, in so far as prices in respect of transportation arrangements are	Positive/Negative/None

established by auction, either: (i) no reserve price is applied, or (ii) that reserve price is set at a level - (I) best calculated to promote efficiency and avoid undue preference in the supply of transportation services; and (II) best calculated to promote competition between gas suppliers and between gas shippers;	
b) That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraph (a), the charging methodology properly takes account of developments in the transportation business;	Positive/Negative/None
c) That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), compliance with the charging methodology facilitates effective competition between gas shippers and between gas suppliers; and	Positive/Negative/None
d) That the charging methodology reflects any alternative arrangements put in place in accordance with a determination made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 2A(a) of Standard Special Condition A27 (Disposal of Assets).	Positive/Negative/None
e) 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.	Positive/Negative/None

*In the case of a modification to a NTS Charging Methodology, please state why the modification does not conflict with:*

- (i) paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Standard Condition 4B of the Transporter's Licence; or*
- (ii) paragraphs 2, 2A and 3 of Standard Special Condition A4 of the Transporter's Licence;*

*In the case of a modification to the NTS Connection Charging Methodology, please contact the Joint Office for the appropriate relevant objectives.*

*Proposers must provide a demonstration of how the Relevant Objectives are furthered.*

Insert text here

## 8 Implementation

*As far as they are known, the anticipated implementation costs for all industry parties (e.g. Transporters, Shippers, adjacent TSOs, Storage/Terminal Operators, central systems, customers) should be provided.*

*Provide any views you have on implementation timescales, including the costs and benefits of a range of implementation options where appropriate.*

*If a suggested implementation date is not provided and the decision is to accept the modification, then the Transporters will set the implementation date.*

*If a timescale for implementation is suggested, the format explained below **must** be used, and brief reasons provided for each suggested date.*

- At least two fixed implementation dates must be specified, and for each of these the latest date by which an implementation decision is required if the date is to apply: e.g. 01 June 2014 if a decision to implement is issued by 15 May 2014; 01 September 2014 if a decision to implement is received by 06 August 2014.*
- In addition, a backstop lead time must be specified to allow for any later decision date: e.g. if a decision to implement is received after 06 August 2014, implementation 21 business days following the decision to implement.*

### **Suggested wording for Self-Governance Modifications:**

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.

### **Suggested wording for Fast Track Self-Governance Modifications:**

As Fast Track Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a unanimous vote in favour of implementation by the Modification Panel, subject to no Objection being raised.

## 9 Legal Text

*Proposers are welcome to provide Suggested Legal Text alongside their modification but are under no obligation to do so unless Fast Track procedures are requested (see above).*

*Legal text will be drawn up by the relevant Transporter at a time when the Modification is sufficiently developed in line with the [Legal Text Guidance Document](#).*

### **Text Commentary**

Insert text here

### **Text**

Insert text here

# 10 Recommendations

## Proposer’s Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to: *[Delete as appropriate]*

- Agree that [Fast Track] Self-Governance procedures should apply
- Agree that Authority Direction should apply
- Refer this proposal to a Workgroup for assessment.
- Issue this Modification directly to Consultation
- Agree that this Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal should be implemented

## Document Control Sheet

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