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Mod Title: Review of the consequential changes required in UNC as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme



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Why change?



- The Ofgem Switching Programme (OSP) has been formed to introduce a programme of work to develop a faster, more reliable switching service for end consumers to switch Supplier. A dual fuel Central Switching Service (CSS) will be established to facilitate the Supplier initiated switching process. Presently the switch event is proposed as being a minimum 5 Business Days with a glide path to next calendar day switching in the future.
- The CSS introduces the switch event between Suppliers but will result in additional impacts and consequential changes, for example impacts to file flows to and from UK Link and Shipper User systems.
- The OSP and CSS will require changes to existing UNC arrangements and supporting processes. The purpose of this Request Proposal is to create a Workgroup to identify and understand the consequential changes that may be required to the UNC and or DSC and to explore the solution options that may be available.

Solution



- The Workgroup is asked to assess the consequential changes to UNC, DSC and associated UK Link processes as a result of the OSP.
- The Workgroup will address consequential impacts. The Review paperwork contains a list of consequential change to be considered. To show an example of this some are listed below:
 - How Shipper Users can obtain and process, UK Link data items currently submitted to the CDSP at a change of Shipper User event. For example – Supply Point Class, Daily Capacity (SOQ), Hourly Capacity (SHQ), Meter Reading Frequency and Market Sector flag.
 - How Shipper Users may obtain details of relevant transportation charges. The CSS switch event does not envisage the use of the Supply Point Nomination process.
 - How to manage a Capacity Referrals as part of a switch.
- This Review will ensure identification of any impacts and possible solutions can be undertaken to ensure timely delivery in line with implementation of the Ofgem Switching Programme.

Recommended Steps



The Proposer recommends:

- The UNC Modification Panel to support the creation of a Workgroup to review the consequential changes required
- Need up to 6 months to conduct thorough and fully informed review. Report back to Modification Panel in April 2018.