



# **2017 AUG Year Review – Suggested Next Steps**

**UNCC**

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- AUG Framework Document includes requirement for an Annual Review of the Process
- Xoserve undertook the review and reported back to October UNCC
  - <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/191017>
- Report highlighted a number of areas for improved clarity in role of AUGE and process
  - Change would be required to AUG Framework and/or UNCC
- October UNCC expressed a desire to commence a procurement exercise to appoint a new AUGE in parallel to the 2018 process
  - An updated AUG scope is an essential input to that procurement

# Summary of possible amendments to the AUG Framework (or UNCC)

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- Enhanced clarity of scope, e.g.
  - Is Large GT Shrinkage excluded/included? What is Ofgem's view?
  - Is the AUGE scope only errors occurring downstream of the ECV?
- Enhanced clarity on appointment of AUGE, e.g.
  - Can only named individuals work on the assignment, or any colleagues from the appointed organisation?
- Clarity on timeframes for raising issues, e.g.
  - Can new issues be raised after publication of the final AUG Statement, but before production of Final Table?
- Clarity on content of key deliverables, e.g.
  - Would an interim deliverable of a statement of data sources in December/January be appropriate and useful?
  - Should the Final Draft AUG Statement in May also include a Table, and if so how does it relate to the Final AUG Table published in July? Must the two documents match one another?

# Clarity on interaction of Framework and UNC

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- Clarity on why a UNCC vote is required on the Final Table?
  - Is this consistent with the intentions of Mod 0473?
  - As this is specified in UNC (E9.4.3 h) a Modification would be required

# Other considerations

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- Should the Joint Office be asked to facilitate the review phase meetings (three meetings in 2017 during February to May)?
- Should the supporting information e.g. calculation workings be moved off Xoserve Secure Sharepoint to Joint Office website?

# Next Steps

- Any UNC Party may propose a change to the AUG Framework to address some/all of the above
- An Xoserve procurement exercise would be based on the updated Framework document
- Industry needs to bear in mind the typical procurement lead times
- Under the current Framework there will always be a year's lead time to change AUGE:

