

0089: Clarification of Timescales to Revise AQ for Small Supply Point threshold-crossers

Thank you for providing SGN with the opportunity to comment on the above modification proposal.

SGN supports Modification Proposal 0089.

SGN believes the proposal helps address concerns regarding current UNC provisions and provides greater clarity regarding timescales and processes. Under this proposal, Transporters would be required to give at least 30 Business Days notice prior to commencing AQ calculations and Shippers would be able to submit revisions up to 30 Business Days after Transporters had commenced calculations.

This proposal should help encourage Shippers to provide updates where there is an increase in their annual quantity and helps ensure Shippers can utilise meter reads obtained at the end of the winter period to support the AQ review. As such it could lead to a potential decrease in the number of calculations, hence reducing the Reconciliation workload for Xoserve and validation workload for Users.

Implementation of this proposal will not have a significant impact on Xoserve's administration costs, nor will there be a requirement for any system changes. Therefore the change can easily be implemented for initial calculations undertaken in March 2007.

From a Transporter perspective, SGN believes this modification proposal should help ensure more accurate AQs. This should provide benefits in terms of better understanding demand on our network and should allow us to better plan and operate the network. It could be argued that the added clarity would also help ensure efficient implementation of the UNC. As such it could be argued that it better facilitates that relevant objectives.

We hope you find these comments helpful.

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