

Further Representation

0345 - Removal of Daily Metered voluntary regime

Consultation close out date: 05 September 2011
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Date of Representation: 05 September 2011

Modification Panel Members have indicated that it would be particularly helpful if the following questions could be addressed in responses:

Q1: which of the following dates would you recommend as an implementation date for this modification:

- 01 October 2011 - not supported
- 01 October 2012 - not supported
- 01 October 2013 - supported

Q2: How would you justify your support/lack of support for the above dates? You may wish to include views on the development of alternative metering solutions.

The industry is currently undertaking the rollout of advanced metering equipment to non-domestic customers. Modification 0224 was developed and implemented in order to take advantage of this new remote metering technology and so increase the number of DM sites. As a Shipper provided alternative is available, it therefore seems an appropriate time for the DMV service currently provided by the Transporters to be phased out. Providing certainty of when that service will cease will give the industry a clear deadline to work to and so we support the concept of a service termination date.

It is imperative however that sufficient notice is given so that customers do not lose the ability to voluntarily become daily settled during any such transition period. To do so would be a retrograde step considering the industry drive to provide Smart Metering to all customers by 2019. As at present no Shipper is utilising the DME service, it seems appropriate that as much time as possible is given to allow Shippers to put in place a viable DME service and so we support an October 2013 implementation date.

Is there anything further you wish to be taken into account?

Please provide any additional comments, supporting analysis, or other information that that you believe should be taken into account or you wish to emphasise.

No