

Stage 01: Modification

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Extending the use of the UK Link Network (Information Exchange (IX)) to Meter Asset Provider (MAP) organisations

At what stage is this document in the process?



This [Modification Proposal](#) **modification** seeks to extend the use of the UK Link Network (Information Exchange (IX)) to Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) to enable more effective communication between Meter Asset Managers (MAMs) and MAPs.



The Proposer recommends that this Modification Proposal should be:

- subject to self-governance
- assessed by a workgroup



Low Impact:

No impact to Gas Transporters, Shippers or Suppliers. Minor positive impact to Meter Asset Providers

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About this document:

This modification will be presented by the proposer to the panel on 20 June 2013.

The panel will consider the proposer's recommendation, and agree whether this modification should be subject to self-governance; and whether it should be issued for consultation or be referred to a workgroup for assessment.

1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

It is proposed that self governance procedures be applied. This is on the basis that the changes have no material impact for existing or future gas consumers.

Why Change?

Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) provide Supply Meters to Meter Asset Managers (MAMs) who in turn provide metering services (installation and removal) and maintenance services to Suppliers. When a MAM removes a meter the MAM needs to inform the MAP. Many MAMs have access to the Information Exchange (IX) network and extending the availability of IX access to MAPs would enable more efficient communications between MAMs and MAPs, thus enabling improved tracking of Supply Meters.

Solution

The solution is to extend the provisions of the UNC to permit the IX to be available to MAPs [for the purposes only of enabling communications with Meter Asset Managers](#).

Relevant Objectives

This Modification Proposal would have a positive impact on the relevant objectives⁴. There are no associated implementation costs.

Implementation

There are no implementation costs associated with this Modification Proposal. There are no factors⁷ which drive a particular implementation date. In the event a MAP wished to take advantage of the IX services they would pay for the services they use (in the same way MAMs currently do).

2 Why Change?

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User Pays

Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.

There are no services to UNC parties created by this Modification Proposal which is consequently not classified as User Pays.

Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.

Not applicable.

Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.

Not applicable.

Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.

Not applicable.

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	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.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	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
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.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	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.	None

This Modification Proposal would facilitate more effective communication between MAMs and MAPs. This would be likely to lead to a more efficient administration and accountability of Supply Meters, which would in turn result in a positive impact to suppliers and end consumers.

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5 Implementation

This Modification Proposal would permit access by a non- UNC party to the IX. There are no costs or other implications on Transporters or Users. ~~No implementation timescales are proposed.~~ [Implementation can be immediate following the decision by the UNC Modification Panel.](#)

6 Legal Text

To follow

7 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Modification Panel to ~~determine that~~:

- [Determine that](#) this Modification Proposal should be subject to self-governance procedures;
- [Determine that](#) this Modification Proposal should progress to Workgroup assessment.