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

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This 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 Workgroup recommends that this modification should now proceed to consultation.



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 report will be presented by the Workgroup to the panel on 17 October 2013.

The Panel will consider whether the modification is sufficiently developed to proceed to Consultation and to submit any further recommendations in respect of the definition and assessment of this modification.



Any questions?

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# 1 Summary

## Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The Modification Panel determined that this is a self-governance modification.

## 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.

## Relevant Objectives

This modification would have a positive impact on the efficient implementation of the Code.

## Implementation

There are no implementation costs associated with this modification. There are no factors, 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).

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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 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.	None
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.	Positive
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

Implementation would allow MAPs to access UK Link systems via the IX network. This would help to ensure a more consistent flow of data between parties involved in the supply of gas – MAP, MAM, Shipper, Supplier. Implementation would therefore be expected to facilitate efficient implementation of the Code.

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## 5 Implementation

This modification 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.

## 6 Legal Text

### Text

The following Text has been prepared by National Grid Distribution at Panel's request, and no issues were raised by the Workgroup regarding its content.

### Transportation Principal Document

Section U (1 January 2013 version)

*Amend paragraph 1.3.2 to read as follows:*

1.3.2 The categories of persons referred to in paragraph 1.3.1 are as follows:

- (a) the Authority;
- (b) Meter Readers;
- (c) User Agents;
- (d) Delivery Facility Operators and Connected System Operators; ~~and~~
- (e) the Transporter Agency; and
- (f) Meter Asset Providers for the purposes only of enabling communications with Meter Asset Managers.

## 7 Recommendation

The Workgroup noted that the Proposer intends to amend the Solution to match the legal text and, subject to this, invites the Panel to:

- AGREE that this modification should be submitted for consultation.