

Withdrawal Notification

0468 - Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas Transporters

Date: 21 December 2015

Dear Colleague,

Please note that Modification 0468 has been withdrawn by the Proposer.

The proposer has provided the following reason for withdrawing this modification below:

“Please accept this as my formal notice to withdraw Modification 0468 and iGT UNC Mod 056. The modifications have received very little support during the assessment phases and a number of issues remain unresolved, which means that the modifications have very little prospect of successfully being concluded.

The responsibility for the data quality of the meter point address rests with the Gas Transporters under their licence, however the industry collectively expends considerable sums of money and time managing issues that originate from an incomplete or inaccurate address and we need to improve address quality.

Many problems stem from data quality of the address:

- problems in meter workers actually locating the correct premise to carry out installation or remedial works (including safety visits),*
- meter workers attending the sites for maintenance activities,*
- meter readers collecting data about consumption*
- customers being clear in new build properties of the accuracy of the address they've been provided with and how it matures from plot to postal addresses*
- shippers being able to register the correct meter points*
- shippers & suppliers getting customer records established*
- suppliers getting their communications to the intended recipient – which can be bills or contractual information for the customer, delivered by the Royal Mail to the actual premises of the supply point, or other nominated account address, resulting in undeliverable mail being “returned to sender”.*

DECC have suggested that it would be helpful to have a standard definition of a premise in the utility industry and that the address is currently being used as a proxy for this at the moment, however address quality issues make this challenging. DECC stated that it would be helpful to have the UPRN added to the registration datasets by the DNOs and GDNs. I would encourage DECC to consider whether their aim of a standard premise address is still viable and how and who would deliver this, and if UPRN is still a potential solution, reflect on whether the UPRN could be brought within the public sector mapping agreement.

Kind Regards,

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