

Stage 04: Final Modification Report

0475S:

Update to Section G, Annex G3 (Prospective Erroneous Large AQ Calculation Proforma)

Modification 0392 was implemented in June 2012 to align with the implementation of iGT040. When Modification 0392 was raised it omitted to specify that a change to the AQ values held within Annex G-3 should be also be made in order to maintain alignment with the CSEP NExA AQ values. This modification serves to correct this situation.



The Panel determined that this self-governance modification be implemented.



High Impact:
None

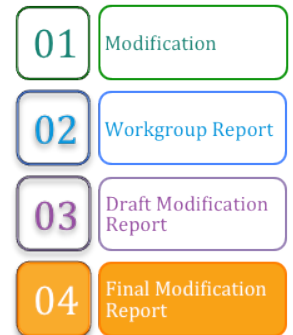


Medium Impact:
None



Low Impact:
Shippers and Transporters

At what stage is this document in the process?



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About this document:

The Panel unanimously determined that this modification should be implemented.

	
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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The Modification Panel determined that this is a self-governance modification because it is unlikely to have material effect on competition or consumers.

Why Change?

Modification 0392 was implemented in June 2012 to align with the implementation of iGT040. UNC TPD Section G, Annex G-3 (Prospective Erroneous Large AQ Performa) replicates the AQ values held within the LDZ CSEP NExA Annex A. These AQ values can be used where a Shipper identifies that a domestic customer has an erroneously high AQ >293,000kWh (10,000 Therms) on change of Supplier. When Modification 0392 was raised it omitted to specify that a change to the AQ values held within Annex G-3, showing typical domestic consumptions by house type, should be also be made in order to maintain alignment with the LDZ CSEP NExA AQ values. This modification serves to correct this situation.

Solution

Update UNC Section G, Annex G-3 with the revised AQ values included within Mod 392 and as outlined below:

Band	House Type	South SW, NT, WS, SO		Average WN, SE, NW, EA, EM, WM, NE		North NO, SC	
		AQ (kWh)	Number	AQ (kWh)	Number	AQ (kWh)	Number
A	1 Bed	6,473	12,167	7,022	14,210	7,718	3,167
B	2BF, 2BT	7,989	54,965	8,383	82,049	8,684	32,705
C	2BS, 2BD, 3BT, 3BF	10,776	37,236	11,304	76,964	11,372	17,821
D	3BS, 2BB	11,748	39,182	12,221	93,752	12,596	21,069
E	3BD, 3BB	13,429	20,549	14,468	51,950	16,276	24,883
F	4BD, 4BT, 4BS, 4BB	16,256	60,393	17,655	158,584	19,296	53,089
G	5BD, 5BS, 6BD	22,644	8,799	24,423	23,175	25,606	6,169

For the avoidance of doubt, it is not proposed at this time that a formal review of the AQ values contained within the above table is undertaken to determine if they remain reflective of new build AQ values. A periodic review of these AQ values is undertaken via the iGT Shipper Group in accordance with the procedure implemented within iGT UNC Mod 051.

Relevant Objectives

(d) Securing of effective competition between Shippers

Updating the AQ values held within UNC TPD Section G, Annex G-3 will allow a Shipper who wishes, on completion of a successful registration, to appeal the AQ value of a domestic customer with an erroneously high AQ (i.e.>293,000kWh) to a value which is more representative with the estimated consumption of a customer who resides within a similar house type in the same geographic area. A Shipper who utilises this domestic premise appeals mechanism has the opportunity to correct the potential application of excessive gas and transportation charges which would apply if an appeal was not raised. This in turn will ensure that charges are more proportionate with those expected to be applied to domestic customers with similar AQ usage. Therefore this positively impacts this relevant objective d).

Implementation

As this is a self-governance modification, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement.

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2 Why Change?

Implementation of this modification will ensure the continued alignment of AQ values held within UNC TPD Section G, Annex G-3 with those held within the LDZ CSEP NExA Annex A AQ Table. The AQ values held in the LDZ CSEP NExA AQ Table are estimates of the average consumption of new build properties by house type and geographical area.

Failure to update Annex G-3 will result in Shippers, who wish to appeal an erroneously high AQ for a domestic site, assigning an AQ value which is proportionately higher than the AQ value currently used within the LDZ CSEP NExA AQ Table.

UNC TPD Section G 1.6.13 (c)(i) requires a Shipper to raise an appeal to an erroneously high domestic AQ (>293,000kWh) within 23 Business Days of a successful registration.

3 Solution

Update UNC Section G, Annex G-3 with the revised AQ values included within Mod 392 and as outlined below:

Band	House Type	South SW, NT, WS, SO		Average WN, SE, NW, EA, EM, WM, NE		North NO, SC	
		AQ (kWh)	Number	AQ (kWh)	Number	AQ (kWh)	Number
A	1 Bed	6,473	12,167	7,022	14,210	7,718	3,167
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For the avoidance of doubt, it is not proposed at this time that a formal review of the AQ values contained within the above table is undertaken to determine if they remain reflective of new build AQ values. A periodic review of these AQ values is undertaken via the iGT Shipper Group in accordance with the procedure implemented within iGT UNC Mod 051.

User Pays

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

No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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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

d) Securing of effective competition between Shippers

Updating the AQ values held within UNC TPD Section G, Annex G-3 will allow a Shipper who wishes, on completion of a successful registration, to appeal the AQ value of a domestic customer with an erroneously high AQ (i.e. >293,000kWh) to a value which is more representative with the estimated consumption of a customer who resides within a similar house type and geographical area. A Shipper who utilises this domestic premise appeals mechanism has the opportunity to correct the potential application of excessive gas and transportation charges which would apply if an appeal was not raised. This in turn will ensure that charges are more proportionate with those expected to be applied to domestic customers with similar AQ usage, therefore this positively impacts this relevant objective.

5 Implementation

As self-governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement, subject to no Appeal being raised.

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6 Legal Text

Text

Amend existing TPD Section G, Annex G-3as follows:

ANNEX G-3

Prospective Erroneous Large AQ Calculation Proforma
for use only where there has been a change of supplier and no meter readings are
available and the AQ value is incorrect
(Domestic Premises above 293,000 kWh use only)

Shipper:		Premise Address:					
M Number:							
Meter Serial Number:							
Property Type:		Flat / Terrace / Semi Detached / Detached / Bungalow					
Number of Bedrooms:		1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6					
Is Gas Central Heating used?		YES / NO					
Additional equipment or extension to the property, e.g. swimming pool, annex (please state)							
Estimated Average annual gas consumption for Domestic Premises in the UK							
Band	House Type	South SW, NT, WS, SO (92%)		Average WN, SE, NW, EA, EM, WM, NE (0%)		North NO, SC (108%)	
		AQ (kWh)	NumberTPA	AQ (kWh)	NumberTPA	AQ (kWh)	NumberTPA
A	1 Bed	6,4738,815	12,167304	7,0229,585	14,210327	7,71810,127	3,167346
B	2BF, 2BT	7,98910,639	54,965363	8,38311,270	82,049385	8,68411,659	32,705398
C	2BS, 2BD, 3BT, 3BF	10,77613,120	37,236448	11,30413,530	76,964462	11,37214,255	17,821486
D	3BS, 2BB	11,74814,348	39,182490	12,22114,611	93,752499	12,59615,871	21,069542
E	3BD, 3BB	13,42916,180	20,549552	14,46817,303	51,950590	16,27619,758	24,883674
F	4BD, 4BT 4BS, 4BB	16,25619,823	60,393676	17,65521,195	158,584723	19,29622,690	53,089774
G	5BD, 5BS 6BD	22,64428,077	8,799958	24,42330,035	23,1751,025	25,60631,176	6,1691,064
Previous Suppliers Last Read & Date							
Change of Supplier Opening Read & Date							
Estimated Annual Quantity:		KWh					
Shipper Representative:							
Shipper Signature:							
Date:							

N.B. INCORRECT OR INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION CAN RESULT IN REJECTION

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7 Consultation Responses

Of the four representations received implementation was unanimously supported. Representations are published alongside the Final Modification Report.

Representations were received from the following parties:

Organisation	Response	Relevant Objectives	Key Points
British Gas	Support	d - positive f - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updating the CSEP NExA Table held under code in Section G, Annex G3, will better reflect the latest values and ensure parties are charged appropriate Transportation costs, which should help to secure effective competition between shippers and their relevant suppliers.
E.ON UK	Support	d - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The updated values proposed are more representative of actual consumption and would result in a better AQ for average property values than the current table; this in turn would result in a more accurate assessment of expected consumption when replacing an erroneously high AQ.
Scottish Power	Support	d - positive f - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implementation will amend the AQ values held within Section G, Annex G-3 with those held within the LDZ iGT CSEP NExA Annex A AQ Table.
SSE	Support	d - positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implementation will enable shippers to correct erroneously high AQs for domestic customers and allow shippers to incur gas and transportation charges that are more representative for those customers.

No new or additional issues were identified.

8 Panel Discussions

The Panel Chair summarised that Modification 0475S would ensure the alignment of AQ values held within UNC TPD Section G, Annex G-3 with those held within the LDZ CSEP NExA Annex A AQ Table. Updating the table will better reflect the latest values, will enable shippers to correct erroneously high AQs for domestic customers and ensure parties are charged appropriate transportation costs.

Members considered the representations made noting that, of the four representations received implementation was unanimously supported.

Members agreed that implementation would expect to further relevant objective (d) since more appropriate transportation costs would be likely.

With 10 votes in favour, Panel determined to implement Modification 0475S. One member felt that it was inappropriate to back-populate values predicated on modern properties into a table based upon a wider range of properties.

9 Recommendation

Panel Recommendation

Having considered the Modification Report, the Panel determined:

- that proposed self-governance Modification 0475S should be made.

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