

Legal text commentary for 0479S

UNC General Terms Section B – General 5.1 (c) – We amended this section to allow for email to be referenced elsewhere in the section. The existing entry states specific communication methods. We changed it to a more generic entry to allow for easier updates in the future and reduce the potential unwieldiness of a paragraph that would list all types of common communication.

UNC General Terms Section B – General 5.2 – Changes to 5.2 centre on including references to the inclusion of email and email addresses where appropriate, to ensure it can be used alongside post, hand delivery and fax as a method of communication.

UNC General Terms Section B – General 5.2 (d) introduces the core deeming rule for email communication, mirroring that already in existence in the electricity balancing and settlement code. This was introduced years ago and we believe it is appropriate for the gas industry to mirror the electricity industry where appropriate and it has proved to be efficient and reliable.

5.2.8 concerns receipt of email outside of business hours and again mirrors the electricity balancing and settlement code allowing for gas industry 'Gas Day' business hours.

5.2.9 mirrors the rule for fax outlined in 5.2.6 (a) and intends to provide additional assurances to Users.

UNC S 3.4 has a section where it names code communication methods and we have amended this to include email. This obligation is also outlined in the UK Link Manual.

UNC U 1.2 includes email as a communication listed in the UK Link Manual. We included an additional obligation in 1.2.7 to instruct the UK Link Committee to report to the UNC Committee whenever a code communication is introduced or amended within the UK Link Manual. This will ensure greater transparency and oversight in the process.

UNC V2.1 and 3.4.7 includes email alongside post, telephone and fax details for Applicant Users.