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Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of ‘faster switching’ for Shared Supply Meter Points

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This modification seeks to bring the Shipper User transfer timescales for Shared Supply Meter Points into line with that set out for all other Supply Points as implemented by Modification 0477 (Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching).



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- subject to self-governance
- assessed by a Workgroup



High Impact:









Medium Impact:



Low Impact:

Shipper Users holding a Shared Supply Meter Point portfolio

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This modification will be presented by the proposer to the panel on 19 February 2015.		
The panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and agree whether this modification should be:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subject to self-governance • referred to a workgroup for assessment. 		
The Proposer recommends the following timetable: <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>		
Initial consideration by Workgroup	26 February 2015	
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	21 May 2015	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	22 May 2015	
Consultation Close-out for representations	12 June 2015	
Final Modification Report presented to Panel	03 July 2015	
UNC Modification Panel decision	16 July 2015	

1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

This modification is proposed as self-governance because given the low numbers of relevant Supply Points it is unlikely to have material effect on gas consumers; competition, the operation of pipe-line systems, safety or security of supply, the Uniform Network Code governance procedures or the Network Code Modification procedures.

Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

Whilst the modification is considered to meet the self-governance criteria there are some minor process implications for Shipper Users and as a result 'fast track' procedures are not appropriate in this case.

Why Change?

Modification 0477, Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching implemented on 07 November 2014, enabled 'faster switching' to take place for all Supply Point categories with the exception of Shared Supply Meter Points (SSMPs). Workgroup 0477 excluded SSMPs from the scope of Modification 0477 as the Shipper User transfer process is dealt with manually under the 'unique sites' procedures. Now that the systems requirements and impacts for SSMPs are understood, it is timely that this modification be progressed which would bring the Shipper User transfer timescales for SSMPs in line with all other Supply Points.

Solution

Modification of the UNC is required to amend the obligation contained in TPD Section G1.7.10 from a minimum of 20 Business Days to a minimum of 14 Calendar Days for SSMPs.

Relevant Objectives

The modification would reduce the minimum timeframe for the change of Shipper User Registration for SSMPs. A quicker process would increase consumer confidence and engagement in the change of Supplier process and thus be expected to better facilitate Relevant Objective d) Securing of effective competition between Shippers and Suppliers.

Implementation

This modification would be implemented in line with the Project Nexus Implementation Date, as this is when the revised Shipper User transfer timelines under Modification 0477 will take effect.

This modification would be delivered in conjunction with the Project Nexus programme and has no impact on the Significant Code Review.

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This modification would be delivered in conjunction with the Project Nexus programme. The SCR is not impacted.

2 Why Change?

Modification 0477 - Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching implemented on 7th November 2014 was raised as a consequence of a Government initiative to reduce the change of supplier timescales within the UK. This initiative did not distinguish between Supply Point categories and so implementation of this modification would ensure compliance with the Government initiative.

The UNC was amended under Modification 0477 and UNC TPD G2.5.8b was revised to change the minimum timescales for transfer of Shipper User Supply Point ownership from 20 Business Days to 14 Calendar Days.

Modification 0477 enabled 'faster switching' to take place for all Supply Point categories with the exception of SSMPs. The 0477 Workgroup sought to exclude these from the scope of 0477 as the Shipper User transfer process is dealt with manually. It was known at the time of 0477 development that the 'unique sites' processes relating to SSMPs would go 'on-line' with the implementation of the Project Nexus UNC Modifications. As a result it was identified that a separate UNC Modification to align the shipper transfer processes should be considered in due course. This is the modification referred to within the 0477 Workgroup developments.

UNC TPD Section G1.7.10 sets out the corresponding minimum timescales for Shipper User transfer of Supply Point ownership at SSMPs. This obligation currently stands at 20 Business Days. Therefore G1.7.10 is required to be amended from 20 Business Days to 14 Calendar Days.

This would bring the Shipper User transfer timescales for SSMPs into line with all other Supply Points.

3 Solution

Modification of the UNC is required to align the Shipper User transfer timescales for SSMPs to that of all other Supply Points. It should be noted that the amendment would solely reduce the minimum timescales for the submission of the Supply Point Confirmation from 20 Business Days to 14 Calendar Days, it does not affect the maximum period for the submission of the Confirmation.

Solution

Modification of the UNC is required to amend the obligation contained in TPD Section G1.7.10 from a minimum of 20 Business Days to a minimum of 14 Calendar Days for SSMPs.

Business Rules

The proposed Supply Point Registration Date shall be not less than 14 Calendar Days commencing on the Day after the Supply Point Confirmation is submitted. G1.7.10 – (Currently 20 Business Days)

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.	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

In a similar manner to Modification 0477, implementation of this modification would facilitate Relevant Objective d) Securing of effective competition by reducing the minimum timeframe for the change of Shipper User Registration for SSMPs, in turn providing benefits for consumers as they would be able to change their Supplier considerably faster than under the existing arrangements. A quicker process would increase consumer confidence and engagement in the change of Supplier process and thus be expected to better facilitate effective competition between Shippers and Suppliers.

Associated systems and process changes to enable this to happen would be included within the Project Nexus Project therefore additional costs would be kept to a minimum.

5 Implementation

This modification is required to be implemented in line with the Project Nexus Implementation Date. Relevant systems and process are presently being developed to facilitate implementation.

6 Impacts

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This modification would be delivered in conjunction with the Project Nexus programme. The SCR is not impacted.

Pre Project Nexus Implementation

This modification would not be implemented prior to Project Nexus Implementation.

Project Nexus Implementation

This modification is expected to impact on existing processes and systems, specifically that some manual processes would be eliminated. This is planned for and is accommodated within the Project Nexus systems design.

Post Project Nexus Implementation

This modification is expected to be implemented on the Project Nexus Implementation Date.

7 Legal Text

Text Commentary

Commentary will be provided with the Legal Text (see below).

Text

Legal text is to be provided by the Proposer upon request by the Modification Panel.

8 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

- Determine that this modification should be subject to self-governance; and
- Progress to Workgroup assessment.