

Representation – Urgent Modification 0548

Project Nexus - deferral of Implementation Date

Responses invited by: **31 July 2015**

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Organisation:	British Gas
Date of Representation:	31 July 2015
Support or oppose implementation?	Support
Relevant Objective:	f) Positive

Reason for support/opposition: Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s)

British Gas continues to support the delivery of Project Nexus and the associated benefits to consumers, at the earliest possible opportunity. Whilst we are disappointed with the delay to implementation, we accept the decision of the industry Steering Group to amend the Project Nexus Implementation Date to 1 October 2016.

Implementation: *What lead-time do you wish to see prior to implementation and why?*

We are mindful that the full Nexus solution (including Retrospective Updates and Unique Sites) has yet to be fully developed and therefore we are concerned about the ability of Xoserve and the wider industry to deliver this by 1 October 2016. Should it become evident that the delivery of the full solution is not possible, we would not expect delivery of the Core Nexus solution to be delayed beyond October 2016, rather the undeliverable elements should be deferred, resulting in a multiple phase implementation.

Impacts and Costs: *What analysis, development and ongoing costs would you face?*

The 12 month implementation delay will introduce additional project delivery costs to suppliers. We continue to be concerned with the risks associated with any potential further delay.

Legal Text: *Are you satisfied that the legal text will deliver the intent of the Solution?*

Paragraph 9.2.3 introduces a best endeavours obligation upon each UNC party to support completion of the system trials in accordance with the dates stated. We are keen to understand how this UNC obligation will be monitored and enforced to ensure that all parties are fully compliant with the obligation, such that the delivery of the project is not further delayed.

We note that the text amendment to 'General Terms – Section C – Interpretation' will enable the Authority to determine any alternative implementation date, rather than the Uniform Network Code Committee. For the purposes of this response, we have made an assumption that any further amendment to the Project Nexus Implementation Date will require a UNC Modification proposal to be progressed to achieve this.

Are there any errors or omissions in this Modification that you think should be taken into account? *Include details of any impacts/costs to your organisation that are directly related to this.*

N/A

Please provide below any additional analysis or information to support your representation

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