UNC Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

UNC 0XXX:

Release Non Domestic Consumer data to Third Party Intermediaries and Price Comparison Websites



Purpose of Modification:

This Modification seeks to amend UNC Section V 5.5.3 (m) to enable disclosure of authorised data items to Price Comparison Websites (PCW) and Third Party Intermediaries (TPI) for all consumers by removing the existing restriction that this is only provided for domestic consumers.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:

- subject to self-governance
- assessed by a Joint UNC/iGT Workgroup

This modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on DD MM YYYY. The Panel will determine whether to consider the Proposal at short notice and if so, will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.



High Impact:

None



Medium Impact:

None



Low Impact:

Transporters, Shipper Users, CDSP

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Initial consideration by Workgroup	dd month year	telephone
Amended Modification considered by Workgroup	dd month year	Systems Provider: Xoserve
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	dd month year	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	dd month year	UKLink@xoserve.c
Consultation Close-out for representations	dd month year	om
Variation Request presented to Panel	dd month year	Other:
Final Modification Report available for Panel	dd month year	????
Modification Panel decision	dd month year	1
An equivalent Modification will be raised for the IGT UNC to amend section K paragraph 24.3 (j) ii & iii, it would be beneficial for the two Modifications to be developed at one		
workgroup.		

1 Summary

What

UNC Modification 0593V – "Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries" was raised and implemented for the release of domestic consumer details to PCW/TPIs (subject to reasonable access conditions being met) to satisfy an Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA). This modification is looking to amend the Uniform Network Code to allow PCW/TPIs access to data for non-domestic consumers.

Why

The Competition and Market Authority (CMA) Energy Markets Investigation proposed a requirement for Transporters to provide PCWs/TPIs access to data for the purpose of allowing them to check or obtain MPRNs for **domestic** consumers seeking to switch supplier, and to check other information provided by these consumers against the data held by the Transporter.

A number of PCW/TPIs have requested access to non-domestic data as some do not work solely within the domestic area, and many TPIs are focussed exclusively on non domestic consumers. Allowing these parties access to data for non-domestic would benefit non domestic consumers as envisaged by the CMA order.

How

This Modification is proposing to amend UNC Section V 5.5.3 (m) to remove reference to "domestic consumer" in relation to the disclosure of authorised data items to Price Comparison Websites (PCW) and Third Party Intermediaries (TPI).

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance Procedures

It is proposed that this Modification is classified as Self-Governance as it does not have a material impact on gas consumers, competition, pipeline operations, security of supply, governance procedures and is does not discriminate between code parties. The Modification is to enable data sharing permissions only and therefore an administrative enabler only.

Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance; and
- be assessed by a Joint UNC/IGT UNC Workgroup.

3 Why Change?

The Competition and Market Authority (CMA) Energy Markets Investigation proposed a requirement for Transporters to provide PCWs/TPIs access to data for the purpose of allowing them to check or obtain MPRNs for consumers seeking to switch supplier. Whilst this was originally restricted only to domestic consumer data, the benefits envisaged by the order can equally be extended to non domestic consumers.

This is expected to improve the accuracy of quotation to consumers, and to reduce the number of erroneous transfers and failed switches.

4 Code Specific Matters

Please include any Code Related Documents or Guidance notes that are relevant. Weblinks are very helpful. Also, any specific analytical or assessment-related skills you believe would aid the assessment.

Reference Documents

Please find the link for: CMA Energy Market Investigation – Final report relating to the original Modification

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5773de34e5274a0da3000113/final-report-energy-marketinvestigation.pdf

Please find the link for UNC Modification 0593V - Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries:

http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0593

5 Solution

This Modification is proposing to amend UNC Section V 5.5.3 (m) to remove reference to "domestic consumer" in relation to the disclosure of authorised data items to Price Comparison Websites (PCW) and Third Part Intermediaries (TPI).

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

No Impact.

Consumer Impacts

This is a permissions Modification to permit the release of data that is expected to benefit non domestic consumers. Further impacts will be subject to further assessment in compiling the PIA.

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Cross Code Impacts

There will be a Modification for both the IGT UNC and the UNC.

EU Code Impacts

None.

Central Systems Impacts

As this is a permissions Modification there are no direct impacts. Whilst it is currently understood that the existing data set is suitable, once the restriction of provision only to domestic consumers is removed the relevant DSC Contract Management Committee papers will be updated accordingly, and if necessary a Disclosure Request Report (DRR) provided if the data is to be extended.

7 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	None	
(i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or		
(ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.		
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None	
d) Securing of effective competition:	Positive	
(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.		
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	

This modification furthers relevant objective d) to the extent it removes or mitigates an adverse effect on competition.

8 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, it should also be aligned with the IGT UNC.

9 Legal Text

Text Commentary

TBC

Text

TBC

10 Recommendations

Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to:

- Agree that self-governance procedures should apply; and
- Refer this proposal to a Joint UNC/IGT UNC Workgroup for assessment.