

CSS Consequential Changes – Detailed Design Report to July Modification Panel

Background:

Uniform Network Code changes that were necessary as a result of the introduction of the Central Switching System and of the Retail Energy Code under the Ofgem Faster Switching Programme were considered by the UNC Review Group 0630R – Review of the consequential changes required in UNC as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme”. This Review Group ran in parallel with the Delivery Subgroup (DSG) which is a sub-group of the DSC Change Management Committee. This group sought to create a baseline for the High Level Design. Any matters arising in either group were able to be highlighted for ratification in the other group, in order to try to achieve consensus.

Delivered from the 0630R Workgroup was a version of the UNC Legal Text that was issued by Ofgem in their consultation “Switching Programme and Retail Code Consolidation: Proposed changes to licences and industry codes” published on 17th June 2019.

This documentation is available [here](#).

Consultation comments are invited by 9th September 2019 to Ofgem.

Purpose of this document:

In parallel with this consultation the Detailed Design has been initiated, and the DSG convened to develop the technical solutions.

During development of these solutions and further elaboration of the detailed requirements it is possible that additional UNC business rules will be identified, and there is the potential that text within the revised UNC drafting will be subject to amendment.

This paper seeks to highlight to the Modification Panel on an ongoing basis any matters identified in the DSG that impact the UNC drafting so that Panel may either:

- support or reject the suggested business rule or amendment, and
- direct whether such a business rule should be reflected in the UNC drafting or not, OR
- seek clarifications from DSG (or the CDSP) as to the merits of the proposed change, OR
- refer the proposed business rule to a workgroup for consideration, and a recommendation from that Workgroup to be considered by the panel.

Whilst every effort has been made to identify impacts to the UNC, Panel are asked to note the recommendation that parties in attendance at the DSG meeting review the UNC documentation within the consultation to obtain their own assurance that the Design and UNC align, and any matters arising are highlighted in Consultation responses.

New Matters referred to Panel following DSG Meeting:

Reference in (new) UNC	Where identified / and by whom	Comment	Action
G 5.5.2 - 5.5.6	DSG 26/06/2019 / Formal DSG Decision	Association Rules in UNC allowed multiple Shipper / Supplier / Supply Meter Point Base Registration Nominations to be Operative at any one point in time. The DSG members proposed that only a single BRN should be Operative for the above combination. As such the Effective Date AND CSS Reference is no longer an association criteria, and UNC will be required to accept that any subsequent valid BRN will supersede the previous BRN.	

New Matters highlighted to Panel in advance of a DSG Meeting:

- At the DSG Meeting on 11th July it is proposed that the existing baselined rule that a Class 4 Opening Meter Reading can only be obtained for a Read Date within the Incoming Shipper's ownership – i.e. from D onwards, rather than maintaining the window opening at D-5, as currently. Using this window creates additional issues regarding 'ownership' of Meter Readings – about what can / cannot be used for estimation. Removing the complexity would be beneficial, and creates consistency with rules following loss during a Change of Shipper process at a Supply Meter Point.
- At the forthcoming Gemini CSS DSG impacts to the Gas Nomination process will need to be considered. The Nomination deadline is currently 13:00 on GFD-1. In instances where the Supply Points are transferring these will not be Secured until 17:00 on GFD-1; so when this information will be available to Gemini (and consequently Users) will be after this. This has not been defined within the existing UNC drafting.

Previous Matters referred to Panel (Decisions / Progress):

None

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