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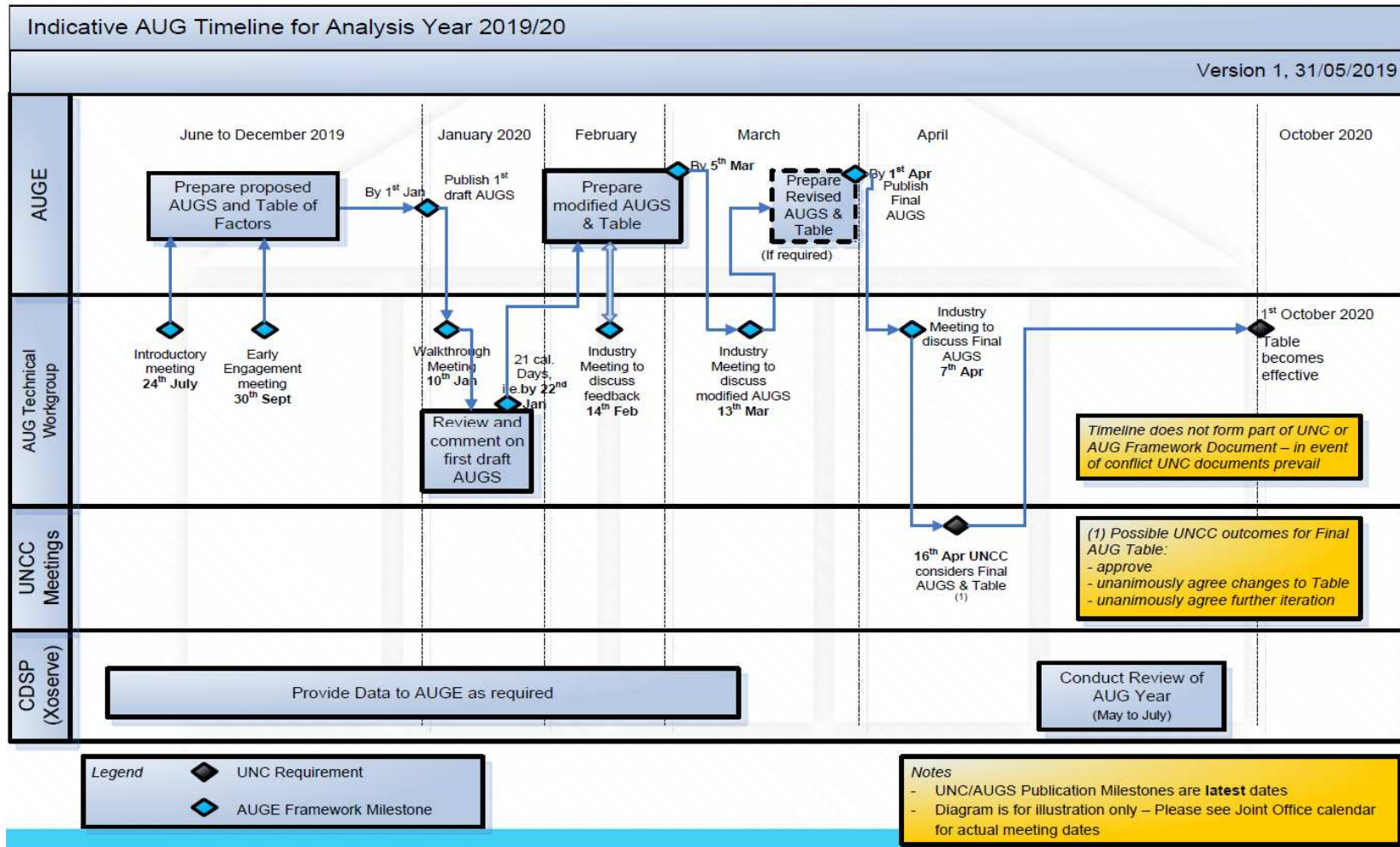
Early Engagement Meeting for 2018/19

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Data Status
 - Update on data provision
 - Update on gas temperature data request
- Analysis Update
 - Review of Topics
 - Update on Current Topics
 - Potential New Topics
 - Innovations
- Industry Changes and Modifications
- Review of General Query & Response
- Next Steps
- AOB

Introduction



Data Status

- Register of Data Requests Published on JoT monthly
 - No major data delivery issues
 - Investigating data available from large sites e.g. temperature, pressure
- Risks
 - Supplier Theft of Gas Data not provided in time

Gas Temperature Data

- Responses to data request
 - Recommended Publication from Energy Institute, “HM27: A guide to gas metering systems”
 - No actual data identified

- Original Reports on Domestic Meter Temperature Survey
 - Seeking permission to use and share report findings
 - Consider possibility of incorporating temperature effect (not 12.2C) in methodology
 - Review scope of Meter Temperature study

Analysis Update

- Update on each Topic
 - Status of analysis and preliminary results
 - Current thoughts on methodology impact
 - Additional supporting data & information required/available

Theft Analysis (Topic 8)

- Method as documented in last year's AUGS
 - Generation of best estimate of Unbiased Leads
 - Leads → Investigations → Detections
- Provision of additional supplier theft data approved
- New approach will be implemented in full subject to receipt of data
- Mod0677R – Fiscal theft tamper code
 - Agreed in principle by TIG
 - Experian currently carrying out impact analysis

Volume Conversion (Topic 25)

- Significant amount of detailed analysis last year
 - Concluded that data was insufficient to justify varying from 12.2C
 - LDZ specific factors are outside of current AUGE remit
 - UIG factors cannot remove effect of volume conversion errors, just re-distribute these

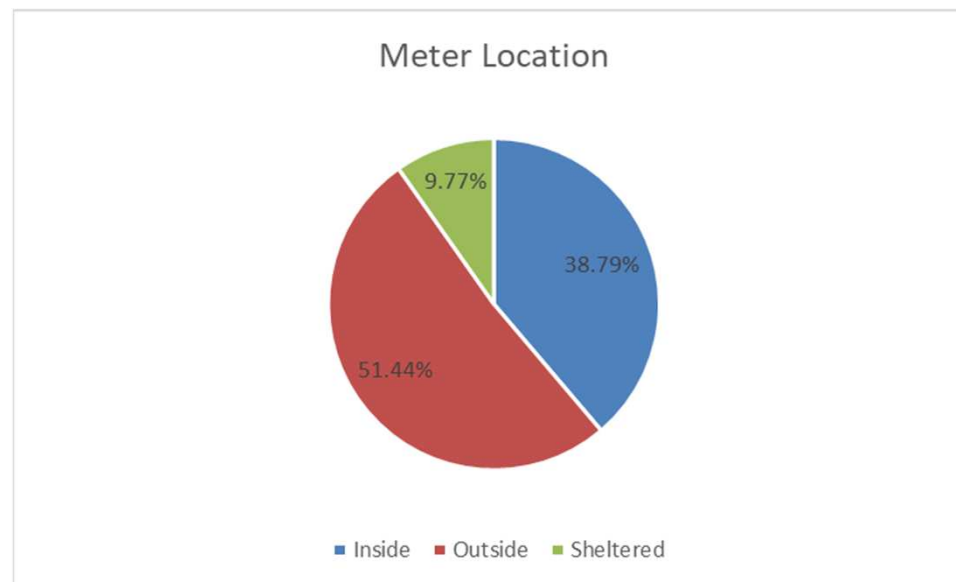
- Status at end 2018/19 AUG year
 - Detailed report on temperatures at DM sites available
 - Reference to domestic temperature study with summary values
 - Extent of domestic study unknown
 - Not clear if temperatures were gas temperatures or air in the vicinity of the meter
 - Not clear if temperatures were flow weighted or not
 - Noted that study was carried out over a period <> 12 months

Volume Conversion (Topic 25)

- Original reports for Domestic Meter Temperature Survey acquired
- Subject to permission to use report findings, we propose
 - Estimate UIG from temperature conversion (assuming SNT)
 - By LDZ & EUC
 - Use LDZ specific temperatures
 - Different temperature for different site types (to be defined)
 - Temperatures based on EUC specific meter location data (See Topic 58)
 - Assess potential to develop relationship between gas temperature and air/ground temperature
 - Can only do this at annual level
 - Will need to account for
 - Difference between temperature for years of study and current SNT
 - Differences in Flow Weighted Average calculation
- Review need/requirements for proposed gas temperature study

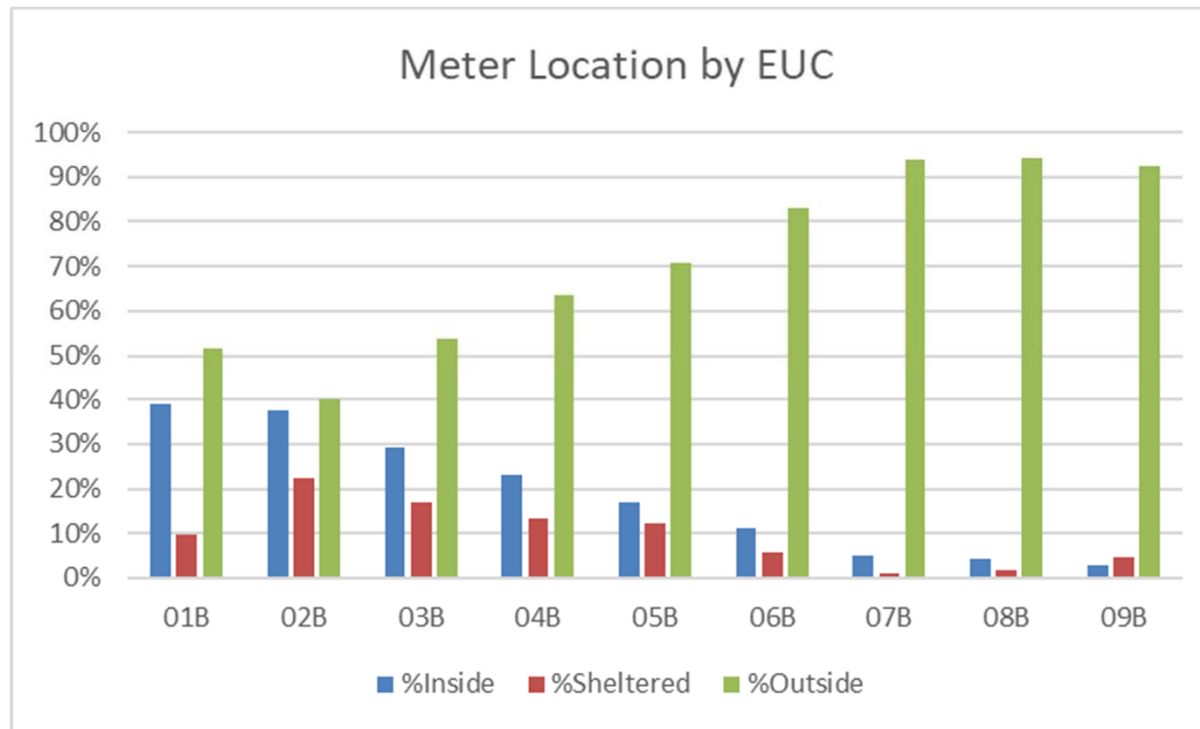
Meter Location (Topic 58)

- Meter Location Information available for ~77% of Meters
- Divided into 3 categories
 - Sheltered refers to location in an unheated space e.g. garage or cellar



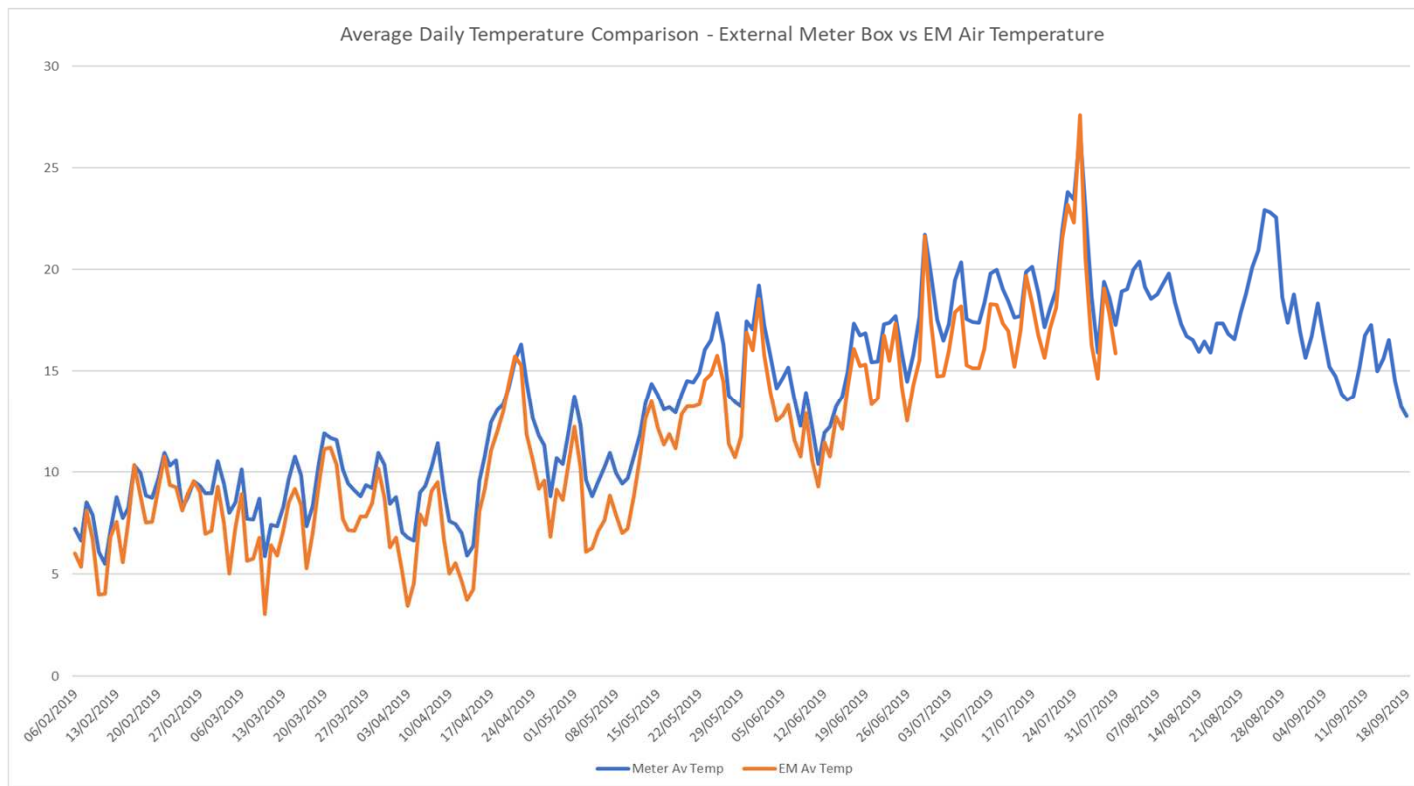
Meter Location Results – By EUC (Topic 58)

- Meter Location by EUC
 - Meters are much more likely to be indoors or in a sheltered location (e.g. garage) for lower EUCs
 - Suggests use of EUC specific gas temperatures may be appropriate



External Meter Temperatures - Update

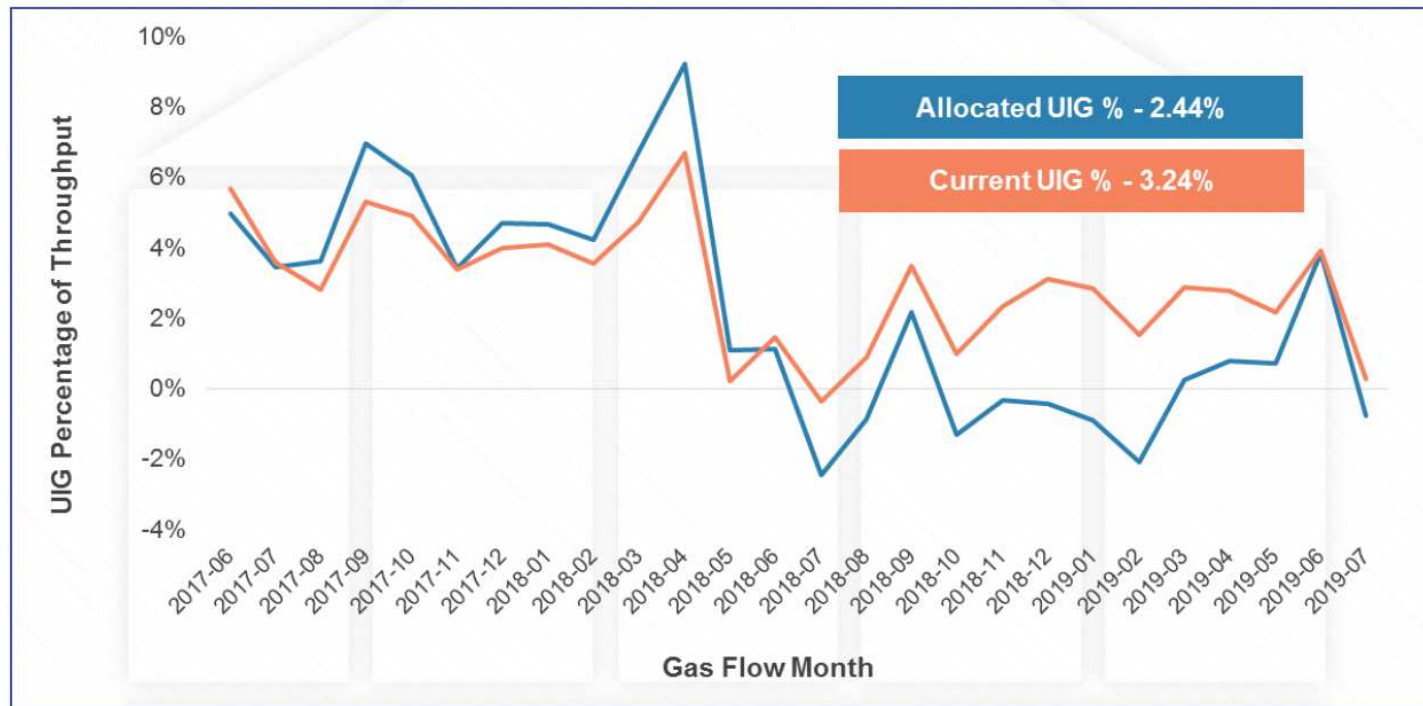
- Comparison of LDZ Air Temperature to Meter Box Temperature
 - Significant damping of temperature extremes (bi-hourly)
 - On average, meter box 1.5C warmer (~18miles away)



Level of Permanent UIG post-Nexus

- Ongoing action item – monitoring

UIG as a % of Total Throughput – Original v Latest as at July 2019 Amendment Invoice



Meter Exchange (Topic 35)

- Initial Assessment last year highlighted a number of potential issues
 - Veracity of data questioned (suspected missing reads)
- Based on latest meter read data for SSPs in 1 LDZ
 - This suggests that data quality was in fact the issue
 - There are a few anomalies being investigated
- Investigation to continue
 - Confirm findings for LSP and more LDZs

Converted/Unconverted Reads (Topics 37, 60 & 61)

- Initial query (37) related to XRN4621
 - Xoserve believe no permanent UIG
 - Topic closed
- Topics 60/61 – Use of data from Volume Converters
 - Investigating what data can be captured
 - Sample of Corrected/Uncorrected reads provided by CDSP for 1 LDZ
 - Clarifications sought
 - Telecon with SME 18 Sep

Accuracy of NDM algorithm (Topic 39)

- Ongoing action item – monitoring
 - Changes to algorithm may impact AUG methodology

Incorrect Customer Information (Topic 54)

- Call with SGN (Lisa Warnock) 5 Sep
 - No new sources of UIG identified
 - Issues SGN are facing mainly related to shipperless/unregistered sites
 - Topic closed

New EUCs (Topic 55)

- Data for new EUC mappings requested
 - Enable analysis by new EUC groups if required

Review of CSEP methodology (Topic 59)

- Not started
 - Plan to compare CSEP consumptions from actual reads with estimated consumption (aggregate AQ) use pre-Nexus
 - Requires data for meters on CSEPs with multiple reads
 - Awaiting more read data

Potential New Issues

- VLDMC/DM Meter Maintenance
 - Lack of maintenance usually results in under-read e.g. lack of regular oiling
- Use of Volume converters without Z conversion for high pressure installations

Innovations

- What is the process for managing innovations which fall outside of the AUGE Framework and/or require UNCC Mod? e.g.
 - Different factors for permanent & temporary UIG
 - LDZ specific factors
 - Factors for new EUC bands

Industry Changes and Modifications

- 0664 - Transfer of Sites with Low Read Submission Performance from Class 2 and 3 into Class 4
- 0672 – Target, Measure and Reporting Product Class 4 Read Performance
- 0677R - Shipper and Supplier Theft of Gas Reporting Arrangements
- 0681S/IGT127/XRN4932 - Improvements to the quality of the Conversion Factor values held on the Supply Point Register (Implemented)
- 0690S - Reduce qualifying period for Class 1
- 0691S - CDSP to convert Class 3 or 4 meter points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met
- 0692S/XRN4941 - Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency
- 0693R - Treatment of kWh error arising from statutory volume-energy conversion
- 0699 - Incentivise Key Areas of Performance using additional UIG Charges
- IGT126F – Alignment between the IGT UNC and UNC for Unregistered New Supply Meter Points
- 0700 (Urgent) - Enabling large scale utilisation of Class 3

Industry Changes and Modifications

- XRN4645 – The rejection of incrementing reads submitted for an Isolated Supply Meter Point
- XRN4665 – Creation of new End User Categories
- XRN4690/4713 – Actual read following estimated transfer read calculating AQ of 1
- XRN4740 – AQ Calculation for Class 4 sites with AMR Fitted
- XRN4742 – Incorrect AQ calculations due to migrated consumption
- XRN4772 – Composite Weather Variable (CWV) Improvements
- XRN4933 – Datafix CWV and recalculate WCF and WAALPs for SW LDZ
- XRN4946 – Reporting on Installed Meters with Conversion Capability

Summary of Proposed Changes to Methodology

- Methodology Updates
 - Implement new Theft methodology in full (subject to data)
 - Incorporate volume conversion UIG from temperature (subject to permission to use report)

- Areas Under Investigation (Priority order for discussion)
 - Meter Exchange (35)
 - Converted/Unconverted Reads (60/61)
 - CSEP Consumption Analysis
 - New Issues?

Next Steps

- AUGE to publish draft AUG Statement – 1st Jan 2020
- Any Feedback?

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- AUG Year Review for 2018/19

Thank you

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