

### Uniform Network Code Isolations and meter removal/disablement

Following discussions in the January 2014 Xoserve Shipperless and Unregistered sites workgroup, we thought it would be helpful to set out the relevant contractual provisions and highlight supporting engineering documentation relating to UNC Isolations. This specifically relates to the removal/disablement of Supply Meters and the Shippers responsibilities.

It will be noted that a UNC Isolation is a change of contractual status of the relevant Supply Meter Point. The relevant provisions can be found in UNC TPD Section G3.5 i.e.

#### **Isolation request**

3.5.1 A Registered Supply Meter Point may be Isolated subject to and in accordance with this paragraph 3.5.

3.5.2 For the purposes of paragraph 3.5.1 the User shall:

(a) provide to the Transporter a notification complying with the following:

- (i) specify the identity of the User;
  - (ii) specify the relevant Supply Point Registration Number, and the Supply Meter Point Reference Number of the Supply Meter Point;
  - (iii) specify the date on which gas ceased to flow;
  - (iv) contain a Valid Meter Reading obtained on the date set out in subparagraph (iii) above;
  - (v) specify whether the Supply Meter Installation remains connected at the Supply Meter Point;
- (b) have complied with paragraph 3.5.5.

3.5.3 Subject to paragraph 3.5.4, within one Day of receipt of a notice complying with paragraph 3.5.2 the Transporter will amend the Supply Point Register to set the status of the Supply Meter Point to "Isolated".

3.5.5 Where a User provides a notification in accordance with paragraph 3.5.2 **such User shall have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that all work to cease the flow of gas has been carried out by suitably competent personnel using that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person complying with applicable law, recognised industry standards and T/PR/GT4, engaged in the same type of undertaking and the Transporter will be entitled to assume that the User has complied with such obligation.**

3.5.6 The Transporter will not amend the Supply Point Register pursuant to paragraph 3.5.3 in the event that:

(a) the notification submitted pursuant to paragraph 3.5.2 does not comply with the requirements set out in such paragraph;

The importance of the User (Shipper) ensuring that the removal or disablement of the meter is properly undertaken is emphasised and the relevant obligation emboldened above.

It will be noted that reference is made in TPD Section G3.4.1(c) to document T/PR/GT4 i.e.

(c) "**T/PR/GT4**" is the document relating to the cessation of the flow of gas entitled Transporters Sealing of Equipment to Protect against Theft of Gas and Tampering, as published by the Transporters from time to time.

This document can be found at <http://www.energynetworks.org/gas/regulation/gtp-documents.html> Close scrutiny of the document is strongly recommended.