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INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

R0088 – MAKE SHIPPER NEXA VALUES AVAILABLE ON THE GES PORTAL

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RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL	CHANGE PATH	SELF GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	MEDIUM	URGENCY	STANDARD

DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSALS	16/06/2023

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This Change Proposal seeks to deliver the consequential REC changes for Uniform Network Code (UNC) Modification 0701 Aligning Capacity Booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs. Modification (MOD) 0701 will ensure that the daily capacity allowed by the Network Exit Agreement (NExA) and that permitted by the UNC are aligned.

	High Impact: N/A
	Medium Impact: Gas Transporters, Gas Shippers, and Consumers
	Low Impact: N/A

1 BACKGROUND

MOD 0701 seeks to ensure that the daily capacity allowed in a NExA (which is a contract between the relevant Shipper and Transporter), are aligned with that allowed by the UNC. Where there is no alignment, it can result in discrepancies when Provisional Maximum Supply Point Capacity (PMSOQ) can increase above the value the Consumer is allowed to use under a NExA. It ensures that the capacity requested or deemed under the UNC cannot exceed the value in the NExA, without network referral.

Where a NExA is in place, its existence is visible in Gas Enquiry Service (GES), however, the details of the capacity allowed by the NExA is not visible. Data Services Contract (DSC) Change Proposal Xoserve Reference Number (XRN) 5186[1] will ensure capacity information is made available, this will be updated by Xoserve within a major UK-Link release and subsequently the GES Portal.

The changes to the GES are being progressed under XRN 5186 and will have consequential impacts to the REC Data Access Matrix (DAM). The change will introduce additional fields to the Portfolio view for Gas Shippers, Gas Networks, Independent Gas Transporters (IGTs) and Xoserve users.

The legal text for MOD 0701 was approved by Ofgem on 27 May 2021 and the technical solution to allow visibility of NExA values under XRN 5186 is due to be implemented in November 2023. This REC Change will need to be implemented concurrently with XRN 5186.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

XRN 5186 will make updates to the GES to implement the solution for UNC MOD 0701. Following Ofgem's decision to approve MOD 0701, a REC Change Proposal is required to make changes to the REC DAM to enable the delivery of the full cross code solution.

3 USER STORIES

REF.	USER STORIES
CONSUMER USER STORIES	
C1	As a Consumer, where I have entered a bi-lateral NExA with the relevant Transporter, I want my Shipper and Transporter to have access to all the data they need when capacity referrals to the Gas Transporters are required.
MARKET PARTICIPANT USER STORIES	
M1	As a Gas Transporter, I want the details of the NExA to be held in GES, to increase visibility of the existence of the NExA and to provide details of the offtake parameters.
M2	As a Gas Shipper, I need to understand both that a NExA exists, and that I have visibility of the offtake parameters relative to the site, so that I can ensure that I take the necessary actions to ensure the Consumer has the appropriate booked Supply Point Capacity.

[1] XRN 5186

4 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Gas Consumers

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
GES Provider

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Gas Transporters
Independent Gas Transporters
Gas Shippers

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Gas Data Access Matrix (DAM)
Gas Enquiry Service User Guide

This change will affect the Gas DAM to introduce additional fields to the Portfolio view for Gas Shippers, Gas Networks, IGTs and Xoserve users within GES. It will also require alterations to the Gas Enquiry Service User Guide to reflect the new Data Item view.

Consumers – If a Gas Transporter does not have the appropriate GES access under the DAM for the NExA to be clearly visible, it can create an inefficiency when capacity amendments are required by the Consumer.

Gas Transporters – By providing the necessary Data Items related to the NExA to be available in GES, it ensures that the Shipper has access to the data to ensure they can request appropriate capacity revisions (if required).

Gas Shippers – If a Gas Shipper does not have the appropriate GES access under the DAM for the NExA to be clearly visible. There is the risk that the Shipper could book more capacity on the system than the customer is allowed to use in accordance with the NExA or may not be aware that the Consumer may be exceeding their booked capacity. This can result in the potential for Supply Point Ratchet Charges to be incurred by the Consumer.

5 CROSS CODE IMPACTS

This Change is a consequential change relating to UNC MOD 0701 (which was approved on 27 May 2021) and will be implemented in line with a major UK-Link release in November 2023. A data migration exercise will be conducted for every site with a NExA to add the additional NExA information to UK-Link and GES. This requires the REC to update the DAM to ensure the required information is available.

6 CHANGE PATH AND RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

CHANGE PATH	SELF GOVERNANCE

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL

The Responsible Committee for this Change Proposal is the Technical Expert Panel (TEP), as this consequential change impacts the Gas DAM which is a Category 2 document and comes under the responsibility of the TEP.

This change has been classified as a Self-Governance change, as the UNC Modification which obligates the publication of this data has already received Authority approval, and this modification only addresses the mechanism of publication.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

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PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact		1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	0	17	0
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	2	7	13
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	14	14
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		1	9	9
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		1	17	8
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Cross Code Activity	3	10	30
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	102

Priority Score	Priority Status
171 and above	Critical
151 to 170	High
101 to 150	Medium
0 to 100	Low

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

Urgent Change Proposals meet the Criteria for Urgency as set out by Ofgem

This Change Proposal has a medium priority based off an urgency score of 3 and a priority status of 102.

An urgency score of 3 has been given to reflect that this change must be implemented together with the DSC November 2023 major release.

A score of 2 was given for operational effectiveness and efficiencies, and a score of 1 was provided for legal and regulatory compliance, as the change allows the efficient discharge of the Licensee's obligations and efficient operation of the pipeline system.

8 SUMMARY OF CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

As this is a consequential change to the UNC, it has already undergone solution development and has received Authority approval. The technical changes to GES will be delivered under XRN 5186 with this REC Change Proposal delivering changes to the Gas DAM.

This change plan includes a 21 Working Day (WD) Service Provider Impact Assessment followed by a 15WD Party Impact Assessment.

The Preliminary Change Report will be presented to the TEP on 16 June 2023 for approval to proceed to consultation. A standard 15WD consultation will be issued on 30 June 2023.

The Final Change Report will be published 18 August 2023 in preparation for review and request for approval at the TEP meeting 30 August 2023. This will be followed by a 10WD appeals window.

	FROM	TO
SERVICE PROVIDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT	24/03/2023	25/04/2023
PARTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	05/05/2023	31/05/2023
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT	16/06/2023	16/06/2023
CONSULTATION	30/06/2023	21/07/2023
FINAL CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	18/08/2023	18/08/2023
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	30/08/2023	30/08/2023
APPEAL WINDOW CLOSURE	13/09/2023	13/09/2023

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9 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Authority	means the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority as established under section 1 of the Utilities Act 2000.
Consumer	means any person supplied (or seeking a supply) of Energy at an RMP (whether or not that person also exports or is seeking to export electricity at an RMP).
Data Services Contract (DSC)	Data Services Contract means the contract for the provision of Central Data Services between Xoserve (the provider), Gas Shippers, and Gas Transporters.
Data Access Matrix (DAM)	means the matrix describing which Enquiry Service Data each Enquiry Service User Category can access, which forms part of the Data Specification and is updated in accordance with the Data Access Schedule.
Network Exit Agreement (NExA)	As per the UNC: Network Exit Provisions in relation to a Supply Meter Point or Metered Connected System Exit Point, are to be contained in a "Network Exit Agreement".
Gas Enquiry Service (GES)	means: (a) until CSS Go-Live Date, the enquiry service provided pursuant to the UNC which allows authorised users to access Gas Retail Data; and (b) from CSS Go-Live Date, the service of that name procured by RECCo pursuant to the Data Access Schedule.
Gas Supplier	means a person holding a Gas Supply Licence.
Gas Transporter	means a person holding a Gas Transporter Licence which requires that person to become a Party to this Code.
Shipper	means a person holding a Shipper Licence.
Supply Point Capacity	As per the UNC - Supply Point Capacity is the Capacity at that point which the User is treated as utilising in off taking gas from the Total System at that Supply Point
Supply Point Ratchet Charge	The Charge applicable when the Shipper's Supply Point Capacity exceeds the booked capacity of the Supply Point.
Uniform Network Code (UNC)	means the Uniform Network Code established under the Gas Transporter Licences.