

METER INSTALL COMMUNICATION (CONTINUATION OF METER FIT INFORMATION) – 21ST JULY 2015

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Summary

IGT new connection contracts are agreed between IGTs and shippers via the Project Summary Report (PSR) process. The PSR process is finalised when the meter install takes place. Currently IGTs communicate the meter install via a Meter Fit Report (MFR). Post Single Service Provision, IGTs will discontinue the MFR. Portfolio data will be sent to shippers via Xoserve using the AES and the meter install information will be sent to suppliers via an ONJOB. Currently the AES and ONJOB do not contain a field for the plot number.

Issue

Without a plot field it will not be possible to systemise the IGT meter install process, which will have severe FTE impacts to shippers/suppliers, plus it will remove a validation tool to ensure industry/customer data is correct.

Industry activity

Via UKLINK, parties are aware the AES plot requirement needs to be developed. A proposal from Xoserve should be discussed at the August meeting. Via SPAA EG parties discussed the ONJOB plot requirement and will return with their preferred solution to the August meeting. Parties will need to agree the preferred solution before raising a Change Proposal.

Timing

Modification 0548 - Project Nexus – deferral of Implementation Date, delays Nexus and IGT SSP implementation date to the [1st October 2016]. Shipper systems need to be in place for market trials before February 2016. IS teams need to build and deliver the systems to known requirements now to ensure compliance.

Conclusion

Because the AES and ONJOB solution is not known the systems cannot be built to these designs. This is adding risk and potential cost to system build. Whilst it would be ideal to postpone these builds, to ensure system testing and compliance, system builds needs to start now.

Recommendation

To ensure the industry and customer data is correct at the meter install and first bill, we have concluded the most effective solution is for the Meter Fit Report to be maintained by the IGTs, until the AES and ONJOB solutions are agreed and implemented. This will need to be facilitated through a modification.

Relevant section of code

7 Updating Meter Information by Pipeline Operator

7.3 The details referred to in Clause 7.1(b) shall be referred to as the "Meter Fit Report" and shall be provided by the Pipeline Operator to the Registered User:

(a) in the case where the Meter Installation Works were carried out at a New Supply Meter Point within 5 Supply Point Systems Business Days after the first Supply Point Registration Date following completion of the Meter Installation Works;

(b) in any other case within 5 Supply Point Systems Business Days after completion of the Meter Installation Works.