

# IGT UNC 159

Amendments to the Must  
Read process



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## Business Rules



# Proposed solutions

- Rules for IGTs to provide reads within an agreed window which allows the Shipper sufficient time to enter the read into Settlement;
- Reporting requirements to ensure that data is regularly refreshed and the most accurate and up to date information is available and used by all industry Parties;
- A process for any faults or visible concerns with a meter, or issues obtaining a read, to be recorded and reported;
- A specific process for Smart and AMR meters with an active DCC flag; and
- A specific process for sites gained via the SoLR process to allow shippers the new shipper the opportunity to obtain a read.

# Modification to be amended to clarify:

- The wording of the clause is not sufficient – the clause is not being used due to the ambiguity - Legal text to be redrafted to plain English.
- IGT UNC Part E Section 11 points to Section M 5.10
- of the UNC Code for the purpose of Must Reads. UNC Section M 5.10.6 reads:

If

(a) before the Transporter has initiated a Meter Read pursuant to paragraph 5.10.1, the User notifies the Transporter (by Conventional Notice) that the User is taking steps to obtain a Meter Reading in respect of the relevant Supply Meter, specifying the expected date of the Meter Read;

(b) not later than the 10th Supply Point Systems Business Day of the following month the User provides to the Transporter a copy of the warrant (granted under the Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Act 1954, as amended) authorising entry to the relevant premises, or a copy of the application for such a warrant, or demonstrates to the Transporter's reasonable satisfaction that a Meter Reading can be obtained without such a warrant; and

c) a Valid Meter Reading is submitted to the Transporter in respect of the relevant Supply Meter not later than the 20th Supply Point System Business Day after the start of the following month

# Rules for IGTs to provide reads within an agreed window which allows the Shipper sufficient time to enter the read into Settlement

- The larger IGTs thought that a 20 day window for the Read to be provided would be sufficient - It was agreed that further clarification from Xoserve would be needed to confirm if the timeframes for validation of the Meter Readings applies to all parties in the same way with regards to submission deadlines

## **Meter Read Submission, Processing and Settlement** document

### 5.17 Read Submission Deadline

5.17.1 A read submission deadline will ensure valid readings are submitted within a set period after the meter read date. This does not include transfer reads.

5.17.2 For Products 1 and 2; 5 calendar days after the meter read date (GFD+5). Meter readings submitted after D+5 of the date of the meter read for

Products 1 & 2 will be described in the Retrospective Updates or Reconciliation BRD.

5.17.3 A meter reading not received within the following deadline for Products 3 & 4 will be rejected unless they are replacement reads.

1. Product 3: Month + 10 (maximum 41) calendar days following the date of the meter read
2. Product 4: 25 business days following the date of the meter read

## Reads cannot be validated after 25 business date from Read date.

Rules for Classes 3 and 4 are found in this table.

CLASS AND METER READ FREQUENCY	EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF READ SUBMISSION	MINIMUM GAP SINCE LAST ACCEPTED READ	MAXIMUM AGE OF READINGS
Class 3	Daily in batches, expected to be submitted weekly	1 calendar day	10 calendar days
Class 4 monthly	Monthly	7 calendar days	25 business days
Class 4 annual, AQ >73,200 kWh	Annual	14 calendar days	25 business days
Class 4 annual	Annual	25 calendar days	25 business days

# Reporting requirements to ensure that data is regularly refreshed and the most accurate and up to date information is available and used by all industry Parties

- extending the pre-notification period could be considered in order to resolve the Must Read time constraints issues.
- Real time data available to all parties – CDSP processing issue

# A process for any faults or visible concerns with a meter, or issues obtaining a read, to be recorded and reported

- May not need this within the mod as a business rule, more of a guidance document for what information can be captured and how this is shared (possibly via CMS – To be discussed)



# A specific process for Smart and AMR meters with an active DCC flag

- Removal of these sites from process - Duplication of the current arrangements for Networks in the UNC.

# A specific process for sites gained via the SoLR process to allow shippers the new shipper the opportunity to obtain a read

- extending current agreed process to be an enduring solution. Confirmation of standard process for COS. 4 month pause on all sites for SoLR and Change of Supply – to be discussed.