



Automated AQ (Annual Quantity) & WC (Winter Consumption) Correction

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Background – Automated Process

- Available to the registered gas Shipper/Supplier of a site to challenge the current Rolling & Formula Year AQ/SOQ and Winter Consumption.
- Five bespoke reasons available to use with set criteria for each outlined in Uniform Network Code (UNC).
- Requests are submitted in the form of an .AQI (C41) file through the Information Exchange (IX).
- Response issued via the IX in the form of an .AQR (C43) file.
- Request must be received by M-15 (business days) to be considered for the first of the next month.
- Request can be cancelled by M-8 (business days) using a .AQI (C42) file.

Available Reasons – Automated Process

Reason Code 1:	Confirmed Theft
Reason Code 2:	Change in Consumer Plant
Reason Code 3:	Commencement of New Business
Reason Code 4:	Tolerance Change
Reason Code 5:	Winter Consumption

Overview: Reason Code 1 – Confirmed Theft

Purpose -

To apply a change to the Formula Year and Rolling AQ/SOQ following a confirmed theft of gas.

Validations -

An accepted TOG (Theft of Gas) contact in CMS (Contact Management System).

UNC Reference -

G.1.6.21a

Overview: Reason Code 2 – Change in Consumer Plant

Purpose -

To apply a change to the Formula Year and Rolling AQ/SOQ following a change in consumer plant resulting in a material change in the volume of gas consumed.

Validations -

None

UNC Reference -

G.1.6.21b

Overview: Reason Code 3 – Commencement New Business

Purpose -

To apply a change to the Formula Year and Rolling AQ/SOQ following the commencement of new business.

Validations -

To be raised within three months of a Shipper/Suppliers confirmation effective date.

UNC Reference -

G.1.6.21c

Overview: Reason Code 4 – Tolerance Change

Purpose -

To apply an uplift to the Formula Year and Rolling AQ/SOQ to enable a valid Meter Read to be accepted/loaded onto UK Link.

Validations -

The Meter Read submission will fail 'MRE01027 - Reading breached the Upper Outer tolerance' validation.

UNC Reference -

G.1.6.22

Overview: Reason Code 5 – Winter Consumption

Purpose -

To apply or change the current Winter Consumption value.

Validations -

The requested Winter Consumption value must be less than the current Rolling AQ.

Hints and Tips (based on FAQ's)

- The requested AQ when using AQ Correction reasons 1 to 3 should be a reasonable estimate of what the site will consume at full capacity.
- The AQ Correction process should not be used for vacant sites and the requested AQ should not be '1'.
- When using AQ Correction reason 4 the .AQI and .U01 files can be submitted in conjunction. The read will then be validated against the new requested AQ and if both files are accepted the read will be loaded and the change in AQ applied.
- The use of the automated AQ Correction process is reported to OFGEM.