DSC Change Proposal Document

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A1: General Details

Change Reference:	**XRN 5922**		
Change Title:	Shorten the current code cut-off date (or Line in the Sand) from a 3 to 4-year period to a 2 to 3-year period (Modification 0896)		
Date Raised:	22/04/2025		
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Change Status:	☐ Proposal	☒ With DSG	☐ Out for Review
	☐ Voting	☐ Approved	☐ Rejected

A2: Impacted Parties

Customer Class(es):	☒ Shipper	☒ Distribution Network Operator
	☐ NG Transmission	☒ IGT
	☐ All	☐ Other <Please provide details here>
Justification for Customer Class(es) selection	Shippers would be impacted as process will need to be reviewed to ensure activities requiring validation against the Code Cut-off are completed within the new timescales. Reducing the period will also reduce the risk of historic periods impacting their future financial planning. DNOs/ IGTs are potentially impacted as a shorter Code Cut Off period will shorten the period that they can invoice Shippers for.	

A3: Proposer Requirements / Final (redlined) Change

Problem Statement:	Extract from Modification 0896 'Why section' *'The longer the Code Cut-Off Date (Line in the Sand) period is then the greater is the exposure of Shippers to the risks of large reconciliations and adjustments, especially relating to large metering errors. A longer than optimum Code Cut-Off Date (Line in the Sand) period may give Shippers less of an incentive to read meters and get their correct final gas allocation in a timely manner. A Code Cut-Off Date (Line in the Sand) reduction will lower the risk to gas Shippers of past years affecting the profitability and accounts of future years from unexpected reconciliations.'*	
Change Description:	This Change Proposal has been raised to deliver the Central System changes required as set out within UNC Modification 0896. Modification 0896 seeks to Shorten the current Code Cut-Off Date (or Line in the Sand) from a three to four (3 to 4) year period to a two to three (2 to 3) year period. This will mean there will be a 2-year jump in the Code Cut-Off Date (or Line in the Sand) in the initial year of implementation. **NB**: Subsequent Code Cut-Off Date (or Line in the Sand) updates will revert to a 1-year jump post the initial year's transition. The Modification is seeking an April 2026 implementation date, in order to allow time for industry participants to prepare for the 2-year jump in Code Cut-Off Date (or Line in the Sand). Please note, Modification 0896 is subject to Authority Decision which means the decision on approval or rejection is with Ofgem. The timescale for a final decision on Modification 0896 is currently unknown.	
Proposed Release:	TBC	
Proposed Consultation Period:	☐ 10 Working Days	☐ 15 Working Days
	☐ 20 Working Days	☐ Other [Specify Here]

A4: Benefits and Justification

Benefit Description:	<u>Extract from Modification 0896 why change:</u> *The longer the Code Cut-Off Date (Line in the Sand) period is then the greater is the exposure of Shippers to the risks of large reconciliations and adjustments, especially relating to large metering errors. A longer than optimum Code Cut-Off Date (Line in the Sand) period may give Shippers less of an incentive to read meters and get their correct final gas allocation in a timely manner. A Code Cut-Off Date (Line in the Sand) reduction will lower the risk to gas Shippers of past years affecting the profitability and accounts of future years from unexpected reconciliations*.
	What, if any, are the tangible benefits of introducing this change? What, if any, are the intangible benefits of introducing this change?
Benefit Realisation:	Billing periods following the initial "jump" to reduce the Code Cut-Off date to D-2 years.
	When are the benefits of the change likely to be realised?
Benefit Dependencies:	Modification 0896 is an Authority Decision which means it will be approved or rejected by Ofgem. The benefit of this modification will only be realised if Ofgem choose to approve the change.
	Please detail any dependencies that would be outside the scope of the change, this could be reliance on another delivery, reliance on some other event that the projects has not got direct control of.

A5: Final Delivery Sub-Group (DSG) Recommendations – Removed

(see Section C for DSG recommendations)

A6: Service Lines and Funding

Service Line(s) Impacted - New or existing	From an initial consideration of the DSC Service Line impact, the Service Area which the potentially impacted processes currently come under is: • Service Area 4 Meter Read Asset Processing (33% Shipper and 67% DN Operators) We anticipate a new Service Line would need to be created to capture the Code-Cut Off date within the DSC service lines, but this is yet to be confirmed and will be defined through the DSC change process The funding arrangements shown above are as per the Budget and Charging Methodology for the mentioned Service Area.

Level of Impact	TBC		
If None please give justification	N/A		
Impacts on UK Link Manual/ Data Permissions Matrix	TBC – to be considered as part of the change assessment		
Level of Impact	TBC		
If None please give justification	N/A		
Funding Classes:	Customer Classes/ Funding	Delivery of Change	On-going Budget Amendment
	☒ Shipper	100%	TBC %
	☐ National Gas Transmission	XX %	XX %
	☒ Distribution Network Operator	0%	TBC %
	☐ IGT	XX %	XX %
	☐ Other <please specify>	XX %	XX %
ROM or funding details:	A ROM has been completed estimating high level indicative delivery costs are anticipated to be between £0 and £50,000 Any ongoing costs are to be determined during the Detailed Design phase. [ROM link for reference]		
Funding Comments:	The current identified funding split was discussed in December 2024 Distribution Workgroup and the proposer suggested the change be 100% Shipper funded or the outlined percentages of the most appropriate Service Area, to be reversed at least, 67% Shipper and 33% Distribution Network Operator. This was echoed by workgroup participants Agreement of the proposed funding arrangements will be sought from DSC Change Management Committee. It is recommended that a unanimous Committee decision is agreed on the funding arrangements before this Change Proposal is accepted into the DSC Change Process.		

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Version Control

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