

Decision

Authority consent for Gas Network Code implementation and assurance activities to be treated as CDSP Services

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Consent under paragraph 1.3.3 of Section D of the Uniform Network Code

The Authority consents, pursuant to paragraph 1.3.3 of Section D of the Uniform Network Code (UNC) and subject to the conditions/limits set out in this decision, to the activities described below being treated as “CDSP Services”.

The consent is limited to Xoserve’s licence assessment and implementation and assurance activities relating to its candidacy for appointment as code manager for the proposed Gas Network Code, from the date of this letter until the grant of any code manager licence.

Reasons for the Authority's decision

The Authority considers that, in the circumstances of this case, the activities are sufficiently connected to the CDSP and DSC framework and may be regarded as services provided to Core Customers under the DSC.

The activities are directed towards establishing future code governance arrangements that will be relied upon by Core Customers.

In reaching this decision, the Authority has had regard to the purpose of paragraph 1.3.3 which expressly enables the Authority to consent to services beyond those otherwise falling within the definition of CDSP Services.

Scope of consent

For the avoidance of doubt, this consent is granted solely for the purposes of treating the activities identified above as CDSP Services under paragraph 1.3.3 of Section D of the UNC.

Limitations

This consent does not pre-determine any decision by the Authority in respect of selecting or granting a code manager licence in relation to the Gas Network Code.

This consent should not be treated as establishing a general precedent regarding the scope of CDSP Services or the future application of paragraph 1.3.3 of Section D of the UNC.

The Authority reserves the right to reconsider this position in the event of any material change to the scope, nature or purpose of the activities covered by this consent.

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