Group 1: The cash-out process

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Options for balancing process – two extremes

Near time option

GDE Cash-out @ VoLL (short shippers)

DM imbalance calculated on actual reads

NDM imbalance estimated

Energy balancing invoice

Reconciliation on actual NDM info

Post event option

GDE

Cash-out @ frozen price

Energy balancing invoice

Actual imbalance calculated for DM and NDM

Interruption payments calculated offline

One off energy balancing adjustment



Near time option

Pros	Cons
 Clear price signal as cash-out will be VoLL (better to attract gas?) 	 Might not be able to account for all volumes in the required timeframes
 If incorporated into the system could be relatively simple to administer 	 Would likely require fundamental changes to Gemini: costly and lengthy process
• If volumes can be accounted for in timescales, could mean less reconciliation after the fact	 xoserve might have to make credit calls at the same time as managing the emergency
	 Credit impacts could potentially be more severe



Post event option

Pros	Cons
• Likely to cost less to implement than near time option	 If price is frozen this might not attract gas as effectively (perhaps an exercise in communication?)
 Less likely to distract key players from managing an emergency as most things occur after the fact 	 Could take a long time to resolve imbalances and payments
Longer timescales to pay could reduce credit impacts	 Might mean that shippers go from being 'long' to 'short' after reconciliation (potentially greater costs to the industry if insolvency becomes a problem)

Other options?

- Could we turn neutrality 'off' on the day of the emergency?
 - How could this be achieved?
 - What would the impacts of this be?

Other ideas?

System changes

- We anticipate some changes will be required, scope will depend on:
 - Whether it changes Gemini or whether we can have an offline process (change to Gemini will cost more and take longer)
- Who should pay for these changes?

Other issues

- Do we want to change the rules for dealing with insolvent shippers?
 - For example, interrupted customers bear the cost rather than the shipper community – but won't be the customers of the insolvent shipper that will pay for it most likely – any way to target customers of insolvent company (would we want to?)
 - Change the timescales?
- Credit changes could be required to the credit requirements and process
- Aligning timescales between balancing and credit in an emergency (mostly if we can't account for NDM customers in time)
 - Extension of timescales in an emergency?



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