

SUMMARY POLICY ISSUES PAPER – FOR EDAG REVIEW

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This paper reference the decisions already made in relation to advance registrations and a dual fail switch. These decisions are now reflected in the business processes in Casewise.

Summary and recommendations

Advance Registrations

- An advance registration period of a maximum of 28 calendar days before the switch date strikes.
- Only one pending registration is allowed until a switch is complete.

Dual fuel switch

- 'One fail / all fail' option under which all the linked requests would be rejected by the CSR and returned to the supplier for action.

Analysis

Advance Registrations

- This policy decision has been integrated into Casewise and is shown as a timed event, symbolised by a clock, which sits between steps 1.3.3 and 1.4.1.1.

Dual fuel switch

- This policy decision has been integrated into Casewise at step 1.3.1.1, Validate Registration Request. The steps listed between 1.3.1.2 and 1.3.1.7 are all the checks that must be met for both gas and electricity for a dual fuel customer in order to satisfy 1.3.1.11 and advance to validation status.

User Group Feedback

The User Group noted how the two policies had been reflected within the business process maps. The general view was that these were accurately reflected and meet the desired outcome of the policy positions.

Appendix 1 – Advance registrations decision against design principles

Design Principle	Similar period to current rules (28 days)	One registration allowed
Impact on consumers		
1. Reliability for customers	Unlikely to affect reliability	As reliable as any other switch
2. Speed for customers	Unlikely to affect switching speed	Unlikely to affect switching speed
3. Customer Coverage	All customers covered	All customers covered
4. Customer Switching Experience	Unlikely to directly affect switching experience	Unlikely to directly affect switching experience
Impact on industry		
5. Competition	Should be little impact – lower risk customers of not paying bills after registration request is accepted. compared to A3	No impact – same across elec and gas
6. Design – simplicity	Suppliers will have to withhold registrations for contracts agreed far in advance	Same as current arrangements
7. Design – robustness	No obvious impact.	Same as current arrangements
8. Design – flexibility	Should accommodate all switching scenarios – though may need to build in flexibility to change based on operational experience	Should accommodate all switching scenarios
Impact on delivery, costs and risks		
9. Solution cost/benefit	No obvious impacts	Similar rules to current process
10. Implementation	Should be straightforward	Should be straightforward

Appendix 2 – Dual fuel switch against design principles

Design Principle	Automatic 'one fail/all fail'
Impact on Consumers	

1 Reliability for consumers	Customer wanting dual fuel switch could be further delayed and may abort the switch and further disengage from the market.
2 Speed for consumers	Places greatest pressure on supplier to correct errors and resubmit
3 Consumer coverage	No differential impact
4 Consumer experience	Customer could be frustrated if one switch is being held up by an 'admin problem' with the other'
Impact on Market Participants	
5 Competition	Customer frustration could lead to disengagement from the market
6 Design Simplicity	Additional functionality will need to be built into the CRS so it can identify the related metering and can act upon the appropriate failure triggers
7 Design – robustness	More complex to build as requests have to be held until 'all clear'
8 Design – flexibility	Suppliers required to conform to single approach
Impact on Delivery, Costs and Risks	
9 Solution cost/benefit	Small level of additional complexity
10 Implementation	Small level of additional complexity

