

# DSC Change Proposal Document

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## A1: General Details

Change Reference:	XRN 5554		
Change Title:	Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGE) Management – Independent Review		
Date Raised:	24/08/2022		
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Change Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With DSG	<input type="checkbox"/> Out for Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected

## A2: Impacted Parties

Customer Class(es):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shipper	<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network Operator
	<input type="checkbox"/> NG Transmission	<input type="checkbox"/> IGT
	<input type="checkbox"/> All	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <Please provide details here>
Justification for Customer Class(es) selection	<p>We believe Shippers are the impacted Customer Class as Xoserve's current obligation to appoint an organisation to the position of Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGE) is on behalf of Shippers.</p> <p>Also, Shippers are directly impacted by the apportionment of Unidentified Gas (UIG) which the AUGE determines.</p>	

### A3: Proposer Requirements / Final (redlined) Change

<p>Problem Statement:</p>	<p>Shippers require clear oversight and governance of the AUGÉ process to ensure confidence that the output is delivered in line with the Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert.</p>
<p>Change Description:</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>This Change Proposal has been raised to appoint a party to provide an independent assessment of the AUGÉ's compliance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's contractual obligations</li> <li>• The terms of the AUG Framework document</li> <li>• All relevant UNC obligations</li> </ul> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>As stated in the UNC TPD Section E, the CDSP are responsible for the appointment of an AUGÉ who will be responsible for preparing the AUG Statement and the AUG Table in relation to each AUG Year.</p> <p>The Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert ("Framework") is a UNC subsidiary document which sets out the means by which the AUGÉ is appointed, how the AUG Statement is published on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website and outlines the high-level process to be followed for the creation of a methodology to calculate the allocation factors to apportion Unidentified Gas.</p> <p>In October 2021, a UNC Modification (0782) was raised which looked to create an independent assurance role to verify that the output of the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGÉ) process complies with the "Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert".</p> <p>This Modification was raised as some Shipper Users had concerns over the discharge of the Framework during the AUGÉ Statement creation. It was felt by these parties, that clear oversight and governance for the process was required to give confidence that the Framework was being followed.</p> <p>In conjunction with the Modification development, Xoserve took action to address these concerns raised by Shipper Users during the 2020/21 AUG process year.</p> <p>As a result, Xoserve undertook a review of the AUGÉ management process which had two main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure that effective and efficient processes are in place for the appointment, management, and review of the AUG</li> </ol>

	<p>Expert to give assurance to customers and identify opportunity, scope and approach.</p> <p>2. To assess the requirements and benefits of UNC Modification 0782 requesting the appointment of an Independent AUG E Assessor (IAA) to oversee the current AUG Expert activities and validate the outcome of their proposals.</p> <p>In February 2022, an 'Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGE) Management Report was presented to the AUG Sub-Committee.</p> <p>This report provided a review of the current management process and proposed multiple recommendations to enhance the process and provide the industry greater confidence.</p> <p>A key recommendation was for Xoserve to appoint a recognised external auditor to undertake an annual detailed review and report of the incumbent AUGE's compliance with its terms of reference and contractual obligations.</p> <p>The Audit will need to be a continuous process throughout the year, timed to coincide with key periods of activity by the AUGE. Any industry party will be able to raise an issue for investigation by the Auditor, by highlighting this to Xoserve.</p> <p>The working assumption is that the Auditor would need to provide reports in line with the following milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In late December/early January following publication of the first Draft AUGS, to assist industry parties who are considering their feedback on the Draft AUGS</li> <li>- By 31 March, to assist industry parties who are considering how to vote on the Statement and Table at April UNCC</li> <li>- Final Report by end of April (if required) to summarise the full year's findings</li> </ul> <p>As a result of this report and proposal being presented to the AUG Sub-Committee, the proposer withdrew Modification 0782.</p> <p><b>This Change Proposal has been raised to put in place the recommendation of the independent review of the AUGE's compliance.</b></p>	
Proposed Release:	<p>Ad hoc – This CP does not have system changes therefore we do not believe it needs to be delivered within a standard release.</p> <p>Based on this and aligning with the AUG process timescales, if the Change Proposal and associated BER is approved, we would expect the first phase of the assessment to start at the end of September, with the second phase in October.</p>	
Proposed Consultation Period:	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Working Days	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 Working Days
	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Working Days	<input type="checkbox"/> Other [Specify Here]

#### A4: Benefits and Justification

Benefit Description:	Ensure that effective and efficient processes are in place for the appointment, management, and review of the AUGE to give assurance to customers.
	<i>What, if any, are the tangible benefits of introducing this change? What, if any, are the intangible benefits of introducing this change?</i>
Benefit Realisation:	Ongoing – following the completion of an independent annual review of the incumbent AUGE’s compliance with its terms of reference and contractual obligations.
	<i>When are the benefits of the change likely to be realised?</i>
Benefit Dependencies:	ChMC approval of this XRN and the appointment of a party to provide an independent assessment.
	<i>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.</i>

#### 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	New or amended Service Line expected to reflect this independent review.		
Level of Impact	TBC		
If None please give justification	n/a		
Impacts on UK Link Manual/ Data Permissions Matrix	TBC		
Level of Impact	TBC		
If None please give justification	n/a		
Funding Classes :	Customer Classes/ Funding	Delivery of Change	On-going Budget Amendment
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shipper	100 %	100 %
	<input type="checkbox"/> National Grid Transmission	XX %	XX %
	<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network Operator	XX %	XX %
	<input type="checkbox"/> IGT	XX %	XX %
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <please specify>	XX %	XX %
ROM or funding details:	A BER will be provided to detail the cost associated with undertaking the independent review of the AUGE compliance.		

Funding Comments:	It is expected that this will be 100% Shipper funded as Shipper Users are the party the CDSP appoints the AUGÉ on behalf of and are directly impacted by the AUGÉ output (apportionment of UIG).
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### A7: ChMC Recommendation – Initial Review

Change Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	<input type="checkbox"/> Defer
DSC Consultation Issue:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## Version Control

### Document

Version	Status	Date	Author(s)	Remarks
1.0	For approval	24/08/2022	Xoserve	CP raised for approval
2.0	Approved	12/09/2022	Chan Singh	Updated with outcome from ChMC 07/09/2022