

# DSC Change Proposal Document

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## A1: General Details

Change Reference:	XRN 5573		
Change Title:	Updates to the Priority Consumer process (as designated by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy - BEIS) - Urgent		
Date Raised:	10/10/2022		
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network Operator
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NG Transmission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IGT
	<input type="checkbox"/> All	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <Please provide details here>
Justification for Customer Class(es) selection	<p>Shippers are impacted as the party responsible for submitting 'a request' to add or a remove a site to the priority list under a Priority Consumer category.</p> <p>Transporters are impacted as the responsible parties to maintain the priority lists.</p>	

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

<p>Problem Statement:</p>	<p>The current criteria in place to assign a Priority Consumer (who will be prioritised where there is a national gas emergency), has been updated at the direction of BEIS Secretary of State. Based on this, the relevant updates to the process are required to reflect the updated criteria.</p>
<p>Change Description:</p>	<p>Priority Consumers are those that must be prioritised where there is a national gas emergency. Reference to Priority Consumers is mentioned in <a href="#">Uniform Network Code, section Q1.7.1</a>.</p> <p>Currently there are two categories of Priority Consumers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Category A - Institutions providing care for those to be at risk through age, sickness or infirmity e.g. hospitals, convalescent and nursing homes, homes for the elderly or disabled, where gas is the sole means of heating and not on an interruptible contract. Also, non-domestic consumers providing emergency services, who need to continue to use gas to ensure the safety of human life, where the gas supply is not supplied under an interruptible contract, and where no alternative fuel supply is available.</i></li> <li>• <i>Category C - Consumers without an alternative fuel source, who use in the course of their business, major items of plant - defined as plant with a capital replacement value exceeding £50 million, which would be severely damaged without a safe run-down period.</i></li> </ul> <p>It is understood that the criteria to assign a site to the priority lists is due to be updated imminently.</p> <p>The updated criteria (categories) are expected to be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Category A: Relevant customers where a failure in the supply to their premises could put lives at risk.</b></li> <li>• <b>Category B: Relevant customers for which the sudden loss of gas causes or threatens to cause serious damage, for an unacceptably prolonged period, to human welfare, the environment or the security of the United Kingdom that cannot be reasonably mitigated.</b></li> <li>• <b>Category C: Relevant customers taking over 2 million therms per annum for which the sudden loss of gas would result in repair or replacement costs amounting to 10% or more of the Site Fixed Tangible Asset Value.</b></li> </ul> <p>The changes look to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the obsolete Category B with a new category which permits the protection of sites of significance to national</li> </ul>

	<p>security or whose loss would pose a significant threat to welfare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change Category C from a fixed financial threshold of damage to, damage costs calculated as a percentage of site value. This is relevant for sites over 2 million therms (58,600,000 kWhs) per annum.</li> </ul> <p>The process for a site to apply to be a Priority Consumer must be updated to reflect these changes.</p>	
Proposed Release:	In line with the Secretary of State direction – October 2022	
Proposed Consultation Period:	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Working Days	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 Working Days
	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Working Days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other – no Consultation period

#### A4: Benefits and Justification

Benefit Description:	The process for a site to apply to be a Priority Consumer aligns with the Secretary of State criteria.
	<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:	Upon implementation.
	<i>When are the benefits of the change likely to be realised?</i>
Benefit Dependencies:	Ensuring the process allows a site to apply to be a Priority Consumer in line with the updated criteria (categories).
	<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	No changes to Service Lines anticipated
Level of Impact	None
If None please give justification	We believe this process is already covered by an existing Service Line (DS-CS-SA3-06) and will not require updating as a result of the changes.
Impacts on UK Link Manual/ Data Permissions Matrix	No impacts to the UK Link Manual / DPM anticipated
Level of Impact	None

If None please give justification	Existing process with updated Categories therefore no impacts on UKL Manual or DPM expected.		
Funding Classes :	Customer Classes/ Funding	Delivery of Change	On-going Budget Amendment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shipper	XX %	XX %
	<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:			
Funding Comments:	Funding to be determined.		

### 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

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# Version Control

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## Document

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2.0	Approved	17/10/2022	Rachel Taggart	Updated with the outcome from ChMC on 12/10/2022