Form A – MIG Design Discussion Request

Discussion Request Number	Title	Priority
DR 0102	Validation rules –to prevent Erroneous De-registration	*High*

Name of Requesting Organisation	*ESB Networks*
Contact name	*Brona McKnight*
Date Request sent to ESB MOIP	

Detail of Discussion Request

In order to guarantee that site is De-energised.

1. Add validation rules on a deregistration message

(NQH sites):Has at least one actual read been received for the site since the site was de-energised or have two scheduled reading dates passed since the de-en date?
(QH sites): Has at least 10(?) day's consumption has been received by MV90 since de-energisation date?

   If no, go back to first check (two scheduled read dates)
   If yes, proceed to next check.
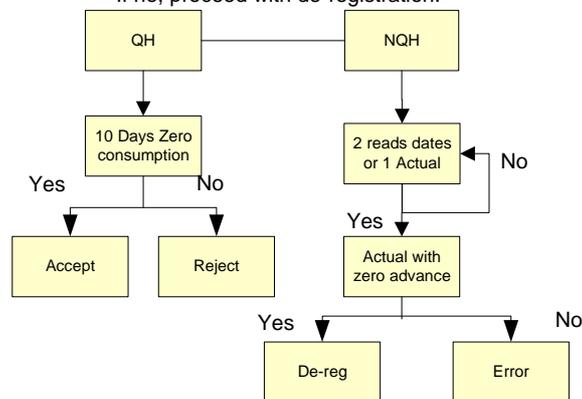   Has at least one actual read been taken since the de-energisation read?
        If no, outsort for manual check
        If yes, did an advance or non-zero consumption show up in any actual readings taken since de-en date?
          If yes, reject de-registration.
          If no, proceed with de-registration.

2. If the De-registration is proceeded with, make the effective date of the de-registration equal to 3 months after the de-energisation date or 3 months after the date the de-registration request message was received, whichever is later.

Explanation
1 is to ensure that no De-registrations slip through when we have advances recorded in readings. It also facilitates automation so not every one has to be dealt with manually. Two meter reading dates is chosen as a balance between maximising the chances of a read but reducing the delay for the supplier.

2. is to comply in substance with the CER ruling that the 'wait' period for deregistration should be 3 months. This interval is less than two NQH billing periods which is the minimum required to have a good chance of an actual read.

Issues
As drafted, the above effectively introduces a provisional acceptance stage into the de-registration process. If all conditions are valid except the two meter readings condition, the process does not reject; it waits until the condition is fulfilled.   The downside of this is that there is no provisional acceptance message, so there may be more supplier queries as a result.

The volume of these is low, so this may not be an issue. Two alternative approaches to address this are:

1. In cases where the de-registration request is valid except for the two meter reading date rule, issue a provisional acceptance message.

2.   In cases where the De-registration request is valid except for the two meter reading date rule, issue a rejection message (with a new reason code). Make the effective date for all de-registrations equal to 3 months after de-energisation regardless of when the first de-registration request was made.

Reason for Discussion Request

Some questions:

1)If required to wait for acual upon what date the de-registration to take effect

2)How do we tell Suppliers about wait if no actual read received and 2 scheduled read dates not passed? Reject or Provisionally accept

Market Design Documents impacted by Request

Date of MIG where discussed	
Change Request xref (if applicable)	