

Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 013: Reasons for meter removal and install

Modification proposal:	Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 013: Reasons for meter removal and install		
Decision:	Ofwat has decided to confirm these change proposals		
Date of publication:	12 January 2016	Implementation date:	30 October 2015

Background

The codes were written in such a way that there were 2 options for how companies noted meter exchanges in the IT system currently under development. This system was written into the system as it reflects the current practice in Scotland.

The modification proposal¹

WRC013 was proposed by Scottish Water Business Stream who cited experience in Scotland that one method for noting exchanges was far superior to the other. It was therefore proposed that only the best solution ('T117') should be brought forward under the system currently under development by MOSL.

Interim Code Panel recommendation

At its meeting on 11 October 2015, the Interim Code Panel voted to recommend WRC013. The vote was not unanimous and objections to having a different system

¹ The proposal is available on: <http://www.open-water.org.uk/icp/>

between Scotland and England Wales were raised. Minutes of the meeting indicate Panel considered the change to positively impact on the efficiency².

Our decision

While it is preferred for systems in Scotland and England and Wales to be the same the potential to save costs to the consumer outweigh this consideration. The evidence presented showed that this is an incremental improvement and there is the possibility of its introduction in Scotland at some point in the future if desired. The Panel was satisfied are consistent with the Principals and Objectives³. We consider that confirming this change is consistent with our principal objectives and statutory duties.

Reasons for our decision

We consider that the implementation of WRC013 will contribute to effective codes and changes contained are correct and desirable.

Adam Cooper

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