



DSC Business Evaluation Report (BER)

Change Title:	November 26 Major Release
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Target Change Management Committee date:	14/10/2026

Section 1: In Scope

Please provide a detailed description of what is in scope of this delivery. In project management, scope is the set of boundaries that define the extent of a project. The scope describes what is to be delivered to the customer as a result of the project initiative. These deliverables are derived from a project's requirements.

XRN	Title	Type	Description	Link to Change Proposal	Impacts
5940	Addition of Consumption Adjustment and Updated Meter Readings to initiate an AQ Calculation Month (Modification 0890)	Major	Change Overview This change introduces the use of valid consumption adjustments and updated meter readings as triggers for Annual Quantity (AQ) calculations and revisions. Currently, these data inputs are validated and held within CDSP systems but are not consistently used to update AQ values. This change enables that data to be fully utilised, ensuring alignment across systems and improving the accuracy of AQ calculations.	https://www.xoserve.com/media/4nxlzuzz/xrn5940-addition-of-consumption-adjustment-and-updated-meter-readings-to-initiate-an-aq-	Shippers, IGTs, DNOs



			Problem Being Solved At present: • AQ values may not reflect the most recent or accurate consumption data, • Valid adjustments and updated readings are not always used in AQ recalculations, • There is inconsistency in how AQ is calculated across systems, • Customers may need to request AQ corrections manually. What the Change Delivers • Introduces new triggers for AQ calculation/revision based on: ◦ Valid updated meter readings ◦ Valid consumption adjustments • Applies consistent calculation logic across CDSP services, • Improves accuracy of AQ values stored in UK Link, • Reduces the need for manual AQ corrections.	<u>calculati on- month- mod- 0890-cp- v20.pdf</u>	
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Section 2: Out of Scope

Please provide details of any deliverables which are out of scope. If an activity falls outside the boundaries, it is considered "out of scope" and is not planned for. For Example:

- Market Trials
- Any additional changes to the baselined customer requirements and approved detailed design documents
- Any additional change proposals (CP) added to the scope of the Release



Section 3: Funding required to deliver the change

The following section outlines the proposed costs

XRN Ref		Build	Test	Implementation PIS	Environment	1st Year MTB	Delivery Total	Risk Margin	BER Total for Approval
XRN5940		£ 110,836	£ 241,464	£ 43,543			£ 395,843	£ 78,084	£ 473,927
Total	-	£ 110,836	£ 241,464	£ 43,543	£ -	£ -	£ 395,843	£ 78,084	£ 473,927

Shipper %	DN %	IGT %	NTS %	Shipper £	DN £	IGT £	NTS £	Total
100%	0%	0%	0%	£ 473,927	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 473,927
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Key

Item	Description
XRN	The recognised reference of the change
HLSO	Cost of approved solution
Design EQR	Cost already approved related to EQR. If BER is being done for a standalone change/release and no EQR published leave blank
Build	Cost associated with building functional changes
Test	Is a total of all testing (excluding MT) to include UAT, System test, System Integration Test, Regression Test and Performance Test
Market trials	Costs associated with Market Trials – if none for the XRN then leave field blank
S&O	Costs associated with additional Service and Operate costs through to end of Financial Year
Delivery Total	Total costs per XRN minus related EQR costs, risk margin and contingency
Risk Margin	Costs associated with the mitigation of known risks relating to each XRN should they materialise during the project
BER Total for approval	Total costs per XRN minus related EQR costs (inclusive if risk margin and contingency) being requested for approval in ChMC
Shipper £	Costs being requested for approval via BER (BER Total for Approval Shipper % Share)
DN £	Costs being requested for approval via BER (BER Total for Approval DN % Share)
IGT £	Costs being requested for approval via BER (BER Total for Approval IGT % Share)
NGT £	Costs being requested for approval via BER (BER Total for Approval NGT % Share)
Total	Sum of all costs related to each change



Section 4: Estimated impact of the service change on service charges

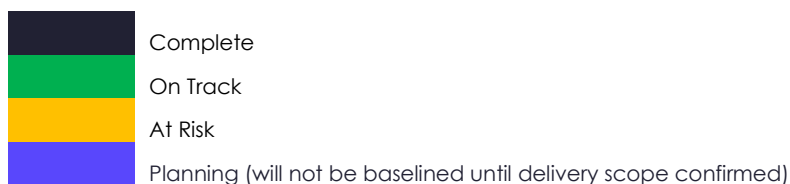
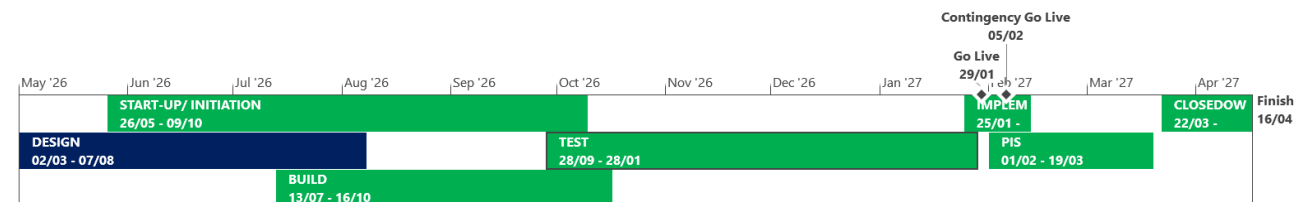
There is no anticipated increase or decrease in the Service & Operate (S&O) costs associated with XRN5940.

Impacts to Ongoing Costs:

XRN	Xoserve Service Area & Line	Impact	(+/-) Projected Change in Annual Cost
N/A			
Total			£0

Section 5: Project plan for delivery of the change

High-level plan for the delivery of the release – To be revised following completion of detailed design





Section 6: Additional information relevant to the proposed service change

Risk Margin

XRN	Risk Margin	Description
5940	£78,084	Risk margin value (to be drawn down following justification and agreement between Xoserve and customers to use the risk margin utilising the change control process.

Risks

1. Due to the role that the CDSP provides within the competitive gas market, priority regulatory changes (e.g. urgent UNC or REC Modifications) may require development and delivery at expedited timescales, which could lead to scope change of the Release, including an updated BER or delay to the proposed Release Implementation Date.
2. If Customers request a scope change (decrease or increase); this will need to be formally requested, assessed and may result in an impact to cost and or timelines. It is noted that there is no known expectation for this to occur for this Release at this stage.
3. The November 2026 Major Release will not be delivered on the industry fixed implementation date of 6th November 2026. Following the approval of the design and scope associated with XRN5940, it has been established that additional time is required to complete the necessary activities to ensure that the project is deployed at the required quality standard.

As a result, the delivery and Go-Live date for the release has been re-planned and is now targeted for 29th January 2027. This revised timeline will ensure that all activities are completed, appropriate governance and assurance processes are followed, and the solution is delivered in a controlled and low-risk manner.



Section 7: Cost Benefit Analysis

Cost Benefit Analysis:

The calculation of costs versus benefits is a specific requirement of the Business Plan Information Rules as required under Mod 0890.

Investment Proposal / Area & Sub-Area

Following approval of this Business Evaluation Report (BER), BP26 General Change, DSC Change Budget – will be utilised to support cost recovery from DSC customers – as per agreed DSC Change Management Procedures.

Solution overview and options

XRN5940 Addition of Consumption Adjustment and Updated Meter Readings to initiate an AQ Calculation Month (Modification 0890)

A single solution option is available and was issued out for information to customers within the November 2025 DSC Change Pack.

Functionally, there are three main components of the automated UK Link solution that will need to be fully accommodated to meet the requirements of the change.

1. Changes to monthly AQ calculation process to include replacement reads and consumption adjustments as triggers

Changes to the AQ Calculation process, to introduce primary and secondary triggers to be used in the AQ Calculation. New functionality to support concept of AQ Revision being introduced into UK Link, which will enable secondary triggers to recalculate an appropriate AQ within the relevant metered period. New validations to be performed to ensure only valid read replacements and Consumption Adjustments are used in AQ Revisions. Introduction of new failure to calculate notification details to be supplied to Shippers for applicable AQ Revision scenarios.

2. Changes to internal AQ tools and AQ reports

Ensure existing AQ Calculation tools and reports are changed to accommodate and include new AQ Calculation and AQ Revision triggers.



3. Volume and performance of AQ Calculations

Extensive Performance and Regression testing to be performed to protect integrity of AQ Calculation process

Rationale Behind Cost Increase - Timeline Extension

1. Overall delivery timeline extended by 6 weeks - Implementation date pushed out from 18/12/26 to 29/01/27.
2. Build activities increased by 1.5 weeks to account for additional complexity.
3. System testing increased by 2 weeks to account for additional test cases.
4. UAT execution and assurance activities increased by 2.5 weeks to account for additional complexity and test cases.
5. PIS period increased by 1 week to ensure all first usage scenarios can be evidenced.
6. Two additional Test Analysts have been onboarded to execute the additional ST, UAT and RT cases.
7. An additional onshore Functional Consultant has been onboarded to work with the UAT team, Test Leads and BPCs.

Cost Benefit Analysis – Options Assessed

- A 'Do Nothing' option has been assessed to support Cost Benefit Analysis. This option would not see the change that has been approved within the scope of November 2026 implemented.
- Alternatively, Option 1 assumes that the change above which has been agreed with Change Management Representatives in April 2026 Change Management Committee for delivery in January 2027 for the November 2026 Major Release is delivered as instructed.

Cost Benefit Analysis Appraisal



CBA Appraisal

Supplementary Guidance

Blue cells are for inputs

Options Summary Table with Risk Margin if applicable

Price year	25/26
BP	26
Finance Year Applicable	25/26
Risk margin to be applied where applicable	0%
Worst Case Scenario (fixed across all CBAs)	25%

Option Label	Do Nothing	Deferral	Option 1 - BP26 November 2026 Major Release	Option 2 - Name	Option 3 - Name
Benefits	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Costs	N/A	N/A	473927	0	0
CBA Ratio - Baseline (Target > 1.00)	N/A	N/A	0.00		
CBA Ratio - Risk Margin Applied (Target > 1.00)	N/A	N/A	0.00		
CBA Ratio - Worst Case Scenario (Target > 1.00)	N/A	N/A	0.00		
Un-monetisable Score (Target > 0)	-78	0	88	0	0
Significant unmonetisable benefits (brief description, detail on relevant tab)	N/A		Significant regulatory and reputational benefit, as CDSP can demonstrate compliance against contractual obligations set out within the Data Service Contract		
Significant unmonetisable risks (brief description, detail on relevant tab)	Significant regulatory and reputational damage, due to CDSP non-compliance against contractual obligations set out within the Data Service Contract		N/A		

The purpose of this workbook is not to discuss which option should be taken forward. The outputs of this workbook should be transferred back into the IP/BC and inform the option selection discussed in that document.



Version Control

Document

Version	Status	Date	Author(s)	Remarks
0.1	Draft	19/05/26	Ilaria Akintoye	Initial Draft
0.2	Modified	13/07/26	Ilaria Akintoye	Modified to show XRN5940 only
4.0	For ChMC submission	20/08/26	Ilaria Akintoye	Modified to reflect new timeline and costs
5.0	For ChMC submission	15/09/26	Ilaria Akintoye	Modified to reflect amended costs