

Topic Workgroup Report

Retrospective Updates High Level Principles

Version 1

1. Aims

Following agreement at the Project Nexus Uniform Network Code (PNUNC) Workstream, a number of Principle Topic Workgroups are to be established to review the high-level industry principles, considering the comments received as part of xoserve's Project Nexus Consultation. These discussions will focus around confirmation of the high-level business rules, only for those processes that are unlikely to be affected by the development of the anticipated Smart Metering Programme.

2. Process

The Retrospective Updates High Level Principles were retained in the Workstream for development. A workplan was agreed and meetings arranged to consider:

- i. the existing process;
- ii. comments provided during the xoserve consultation process on the Project Nexus Scope;
- iii. review of potential solutions;
- iv. provision of high level principles and recommendations;
- v. completion of a report.

3. Areas Reviewed

The Workstream considered the following requirements identified during the xoserve consultation to ensure the relevant areas were reviewed and recommendations identified:

Initial Requirements Register Reference	Requirement
9.1	Shippers should be allowed to submit retrospective updates, in particular for the SSP market.
9.2	The ability to amend incorrect meter read data after the submission of a later meter read.
9.3	Allow for retrospective data to be updated.
9.4	Easier submission of data update requests.
9.5	More flexible processing of meter reads.
9.6	Make validation rules fit business requirement.

11.7	Data updates from non registered shippers
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13.10	A thorough review of data flows and data validation.
13.12	The process for shippers to revise standing data for sites on their portfolio should be streamlined and allow for the registered shipper to complete data changes quickly.
13.22	Direct amendment of data held in xoserve's database.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

The Workstream considered the respondents comments provided in section 3 above, to the extent that they have an impact on high-level business principles, as well as considering the existing arrangements and any alternatives proposed.

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- Smart/remote – non-DM sites with timely remote access to meter reads which are used for balancing
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Hierarchy of Principles

Note: these Draft Business Principles are for review at the next meeting of the Project Nexus UNC Workstream, and have not yet been accepted.

This workgroup has dependencies on the outputs from the previous High Level Principle Workgroups. It is recognised that although a hierarchy of requirements has been identified, more in-depth analysis will be required in the detailed requirements gathering phase. This will not occur until more clarity is received from the SMIP.

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High Level Principles

These Principles are aligned to those principles agreed and documented in the previous Project Nexus High-Level Principles Workgroups.

These Principles will cover (when complete) the following aspects of data:

- Standing data, relating to sites and to meters attached to sites
- Transactional data, such as consumptions

Under Project Nexus arrangements, Shippers will have the ability to update/amend/correct both standing and transactional data, within a set time-frame. After expiry of that time limit, probably aligned to the Reconciliation cut-off date (which has not yet been set) no further amendments would be accepted.

6. Subjects for discussion in other Topic Workgroups/Industry Forums

The following aspects of retrospective updates were raised, but require further discussion or consideration before any conclusion can be reached.

- Any direct linkage to financial adjustments or to other data items, such as AQ
- The ability of Shippers to amend data for periods outside of their ownership
- The ability of Gas Transporters to amend data

Amendments by parties other than the incumbent (e.g. previous/subsequent Shippers or GTs) require further consideration, because of the impact on the incumbent's records, and the potential for those records to be out of line with the GT's.