

UNC Workgroup 0647 Minutes Opening Class 1 reads to Competition

Thursday 26 July 2018

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Carl Whitehouse*	(CWh)	First Utility
David Addison*	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Graham Wood*	(GW)	Centrica
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Lesley Bowen*	(LB)	EDF
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Rachael Mottram*	(RM)	Utilita
Rachel Bird*	(RB)	Gemserve
Rachel Hinsley	(RHi)	Xoserve
Shaheeni Vekaria	(SV)	Utility Warehouse
Shanna Key*	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales & West Utilities
Simon Harris	(SHa)	Xoserve
Steve Ladle*	(SL)	Gemserve
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight

**via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0647/260718>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 December 2018.

1. Introduction and Status Review

BF explained as the Proposer was on Annual Leave the majority of the topics had been deferred to the August meeting. A general discussion took place regarding some of the outstanding actions, please see below within Section 6.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (28 June 2018)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. MPU Agreement

Deferred to the August meeting as the Proposer was not present at the meeting.

3. Business Rules

Deferred to the August meeting as the Proposer was not present at the meeting

4. Daily Read Error

Deferred to the August meeting as the Proposer was not present at the meeting

5. Transitional arrangements

Deferred to the August meeting as the Proposer was not present at the meeting. However, Shanna Key (SK) said that in Richard Pomroy's (RP) absence she was aware he had requested more detail on the Transitional arrangements in respect of a hard or soft cutover.

David Addison (DA) briefly overviewed the soft and hard cut over options. Steve Mulingaine (SM) said he had some concerns in relation to the soft option, if it was not completed or failed and the potential overall impact on Unidentified Gas (UIG). Simon Harris (SHa) said in relation to the reads that it was the responsibility of the Shippers for this process and Bob Fletcher (BF) added that it would be a mandatory requirement as these were Class 1 sites.

DA then provided a brief explanation of the differences with Option 1 and Option 2 and the associated impacts on Class 1 and Class 2 in respect of the change of validation requirements in Option 2. DA added that from a system perspective Option 1 was the more simplistic from a systems aspect, and that it would mean that that Class 1 would stay as is, within the UNC and a change would be made within the UKLink validation process. He said that Option 2 was more straightforward from a development perspective, although Option 2 was less clear cut from the data migration process perspective. SM said from the soft cutover process there could be reads arriving through two different routes via SAP, with a mix of reads and so the Transporters would have to supply reads too, and he wanted to know if Xoserve had the system capability to determine these. DA said that changes would be made to the portal regarding these reads and he quoted the cutover section as defined in the modification as below, to aid with the understanding:

Following the cutover from DNO to Shipper provision there could be circumstances when the previous DMSP need to submit reads. Examples include late reads which can be submitted up to D+5 and consumption adjustments. These arrangements will also be required for any subsequent changes of DMSP by Shippers.

Given the number of Class 1 Supply Meter Points these probably do not need to be system-based arrangements but this needs further analysis.

BF said that it was clear that more detail and clarification was needed in respect of the Transitional arrangements and the associated impacts should a party fail to meet its responsibilities for read provision..

SM also added that more information was required in terms of what arrangements there would be in the context of taking over ownership at the sites. SHa said this would depend on the Shippers themselves and the how the contract was set up in relation to the ownership. A brief general discussion then took place regarding ownership and the Meter Reading agent, in the aspect of who has the responsibility for the specific equipment. It was agreed the Transporters should provide an update of what equipment was presently on each site and what contractual arrangements were currently in place.

New Action 0701: Transporters to provide an update of types of equipment that was presently installed on each site, what the contractual arrangements are currently in place and if there would be an option for purchase.

6. Review of Outstanding Actions

0301: Reference potential Gemini system impacts - Xoserve (DA) and National Grid NTS (BV) to investigate potential NTS related impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects).

Update: DA said that Option 1 would retain Class 1 and no system change would be required, and that Option 2 would require a system change. He then said this action could then be closed.
Closed

0601: Xoserve to provide a summary of the potential Transitional Solutions for consideration at the July meeting.

Update: DA said he had spoken to RP off line and he said that Option 2 was more simplistic from a build and system perspective, but that it was more complex from the Transitional arrangements and the Legal Text, for a hard cutover with no forced Class change, and it would need a forced Shipper confirmation for it.

He said that Option 1 would be a DM mandatory obligation as there would be no data item held in the UKLink system and nothing explicit would have to be held, and there would be no service provider needed.

It was agreed that more detailed information was needed on this matter, specifically in relation to the system process for Option 1, and that DA would provide this at the August meeting, so this action was then carried forward. **Carried forward**

0602: All parties to consider the modifications transitional arrangements and provide a view by August meeting including Procurement and Gemini.

Update: This action was not due to be discussed until the August meeting and so was carried forward. **Carried forward**

7. Next Steps

BF reminded everyone that the modification reporting deadline had been extended to the December Panel and so there was adequate time to fully explore all the options greater in-depth. He said his aspirations for the August meeting were to further explore and discuss the following areas; MPU Agreement, Business Rules, Daily Read Error and the Transitional arrangements

8. Any Other Business

None raised at the meeting.

9. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 23 August 2018	Elxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the MPU Agreement• Review the Business Rules• Review the Daily Read Error• Review the Transitional arrangements
10:30 Thursday 27 September 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda to be confirmed

Action Table (as at 26 July 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	22/03/18	1.2	<i>Reference potential Gemini system impacts - Xoserve (DA) and National Grid NTS (BV) to investigate potential NTS related impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects).</i>	Xoserve (DA) & National Grid NTS (BV)	Closed
0601	28/06/18	2.0	Xoserve to provide a summary of the potential Transitional Solutions for consideration at the July meeting.	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
0602	28/06/18	2.0	All parties to consider the modifications transitional arrangements and provide a view by August meeting including Procurement and Gemini.	All	Carried Forward
0701	26/07/18	5.0	Transporters to provide an update of types of equipment that was presently installed on each site, what the contractual arrangements are currently in place and if there would be an option for purchase.	Transporters	Pending