

Gas Customer Forum

Project Nexus xoserve update (as of 1 February 2011) 7th February 2011

What is Project Nexus?

- xoserve's Project Nexus is gathering industry requirements for the nature and scope of its services
- Aim is to ensure xoserve's services support the future shape of the gas industry
- Recent activities have been focused on defining detailed requirements to support current and future AMR sites
- Also closely monitoring progress of Ofgem's Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP)
- Need to assess impact of SMIP on the future of xoserve's services

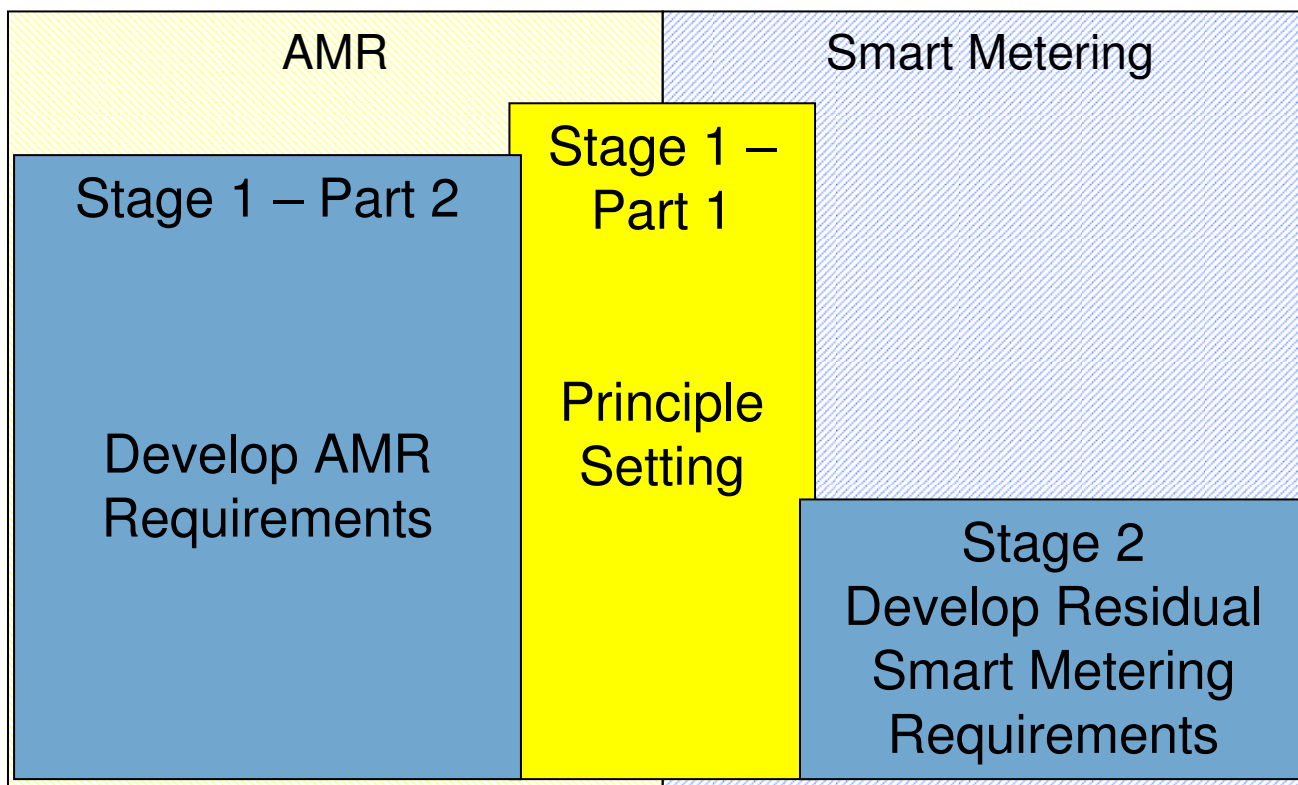
Project Nexus

Topics fall into two categories (revisited)

Category	Topic	Industry Framework
Within prevailing scope of agency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier Switching • Market Differentiation • New Connections Process • Increased Reads • Reconciliation • AQ Management • Volume Capture • Invoicing Rules • Retrospective Updates • Non-functional • Data management (non-Smart) 	Uniform Network Code
Outside prevailing scope of agency services	• iGT Services	iGT Uniform Network Code and iGT / GT licence
	• Data Management (including central store for smart metering data)	Smart Metering aspects covered under Smart Metering Implementation Programme

Project Nexus – Approach (in order to ‘dovetail’ with SMIP)

Hybrid approach to Requirements Development



Progress since the last meeting (October 2010)

- Project Nexus Advisory Group (PNAG)
 - Only one meeting has taken place – 26th November 2010
 - Monitored implications of SMIP on Project Nexus
 - Recommended that Project Nexus UNC Workgroup (formerly Workstream) re-starts work on gathering requirements for Smart Meters (i.e. Stage 2 of Hybrid Approach)
 - Work should dovetail around SMIP
 - Scope and approach should be reviewed if Ofgem initiate the Significant Code Review later in the year

Progress since the last meeting (October 2010)

- Project Nexus Workstream (PNUNC)
 - Three further meetings have taken place
 - 10th December meeting adopted PNAG recommendation of re-starting work on requirements for Smart meters
 - Work will start with “Settlement” – i.e. determination of daily gas oftaken
 - Smart metering requirements gathering will run in parallel with AMR requirements work
 - AMR workgroups re-planned to cover remaining subject areas

Progress since the last meeting (October 2010)

- PNUNC Topic Workgroups (Stage 1 - Part 2)
 - AMR Detailed Requirements Workgroup
 - Further 4 meetings have taken place
 - 4 parallel meter reading processes for AMR sites have been developed further – target to finish in next 2 meetings
 - ICoSS members have raised UNC modifications for:
 - Additional Supply Point Enquiry Service
 - Differentiation based on Market Sector Flag
 - Further information can be found at:
 - <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/2010>

Next Steps – The way forward

- PNUNC
 - Continue with agreed scope & PNUNC timetable
 - Complete AMR Requirements including Resynch and Reconciliation by July 2011
 - Commence work on Settlement, target completion August 2011
 - Expect a further Mod for AMR metering reading requirements
 - Expect all 3 Mods to be referred back to PN UNC Workgroup for further development
 - Align/reconcile with outcome from Stage 1 of the SMIP, due early 2011
- PNAG
 - Continue seeking advice from the industry on stakeholder involvement, including the interaction with the SMIP
 - Next meeting end of February 2011

Gas Customer Forum - Involvement

- Ongoing contribution to Project Nexus
 - Nominated Peter Thompson as Project Nexus representative
 - Customer Representative has been attending PNUNC and its topic workgroups
 - Customer Representative has been attending PNAG meeting