

**UNC Workgroup 0441 Minutes**  
**Continuation of Daily Metered (Voluntary) service until the**  
**implementation of Project Nexus**  
**Thursday 28 February 2013**  
**at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Andrew Green	(AG)	Total Gas & Power
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Marie Clark	(MC)	ScottishPower
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

\* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 20 June 2013.

**1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting**

**1.1. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2. Actions**

**0101:** All to bring views on the DM services change, timelines and liabilities

**Update:** SM believes that this action relates to consideration of Modification 0441 alongside other DME/DMV modifications, which are now not being progressed. Furthermore, at the last ICoSS meeting, members concluded that Modification 0441 satisfies these requirements – in essence it boils down to the reinstatement of DMV within the Project Nexus considerations. **Closed**

**2.0 Discussion**

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When asked about how many parties actually signed up for the DME service, DA advised that to date, no party had taken up the service. It was recognised that Xoserve had built the system in line with what the industry thought it required at the time. AG

advised that from day one, the issue surrounding DME read capture had been highlighted - that the majority of parties who sign up to the DM service are DMVs and the ratio of DMM to DMV is 1:3.

Whilst acknowledging that the DMV service is provided by Transporters, some questioned the real value of retaining the provision. However, it was noted that some DMVs are ex-interruptible supplies or retain their status due to the fact that they are 'mothballed'. GE suggested that some licence obligation issues / concerns are potentially removed by retaining DMVs.

SM suggested that whilst in theory we could fix DME, it would / could prove costly for something with a limited shelf life – i.e. until Project Nexus & SMART Metering are introduced. He also pointed out that the DMV provision is scheduled to disappear in October 2015.

In considering the potential impacts associated with Project Nexus, CW suggested that there are some transitional moving issues associated with the Project Nexus Product Lines – it was suggested that being able to quantify the volumes (load) that would potentially move out of Gemini into NDM sites would / could assist in any Project Nexus considerations.

When asked what the Transporters plans may be for AMR equipment that is removed post October 2015 and whether or not they are looking to change their charges, CW advised that Transporters expectation is that the (AMR) equipment would remain in situ and be utilised as part of the sample sites process (subject to DECC approval). CW then reminded parties that in future, they would need to ensure that they install their own equipment to make sure that they continue to satisfy their respective licence obligations. He then went on to add that as far as (future) charges are concerned, he anticipates that these would be reviewed and considered in due course.

Moving on, DA pointed out that in previous meetings the issue of the relaxing of the liabilities regime in DMV had been discussed, to which AR responded by advising that the matter is being considered separately and an update would be provided in due course.

It was suggested that there may be benefit in seeking a view from Ofgem on the DME/DMV & NDM aspects and how to best justify the modifications.

The Workgroup agreed to look to complete the Workgroup Report at the 06 March 2013 meeting, if possible.

In closing, a new action was placed on the Joint Office (BF) to seek to obtain a copy of the Ofgem decision letter relating to the DME/DMV Regime and include any 'key' points within the Workgroup Report.

**New Action 0441 0201: Joint Office (BF) to seek to obtain a copy of the Ofgem decision letter relating to the DME/DMV Regime and include any 'key' points within the Workgroup Report.**

#### Legal Text

Opening, GE explained the rationale behind the 01 October 2015 date inclusion within paragraphs 1.7.9 and 1.7.10 in the legal text.

### **3.0 Any Other Business**

None.

### **4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group**

The next meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup on:

Thursday 28 March 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Thursday 25 April 2013 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

### Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0101	24/01/13	2.0	All to bring views on the DM services change, timelines and liabilities.	All	<b>Closed</b>
0201	28/02/13	2.0	To seek to obtain a copy of the Ofgem decision letter relating to the DME/DMV Regime and include any 'key' points within the Workgroup Report.	Joint Office (BF)	<b>Pending</b>