

Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes
Monday 17 June 2013
via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr	(EC)	ScottishPower
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Julie Varney	(JV)	National Grid NTS
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulliganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tabish Khan	(TK)	British Gas
Tim Davis	(TD)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters

1. Introduction

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of Actions

Action NEX05/02: National Grid Distribution (CW) to engage with the other GT's and Xoserve to seek to find a suitable resolution to Outstanding Issue Log ID34 (Ratchets – SOQ / SHQ ratio).

Update: CW advised that the GTs remain of the view that the proposed solution is not the best option going forward and as far as the DNs are concerned, the prevailing situation should continue.

In discussing concerns relating to whether or not a new Shipper/Supplier should be able to make adjustments to avoid invoking confirmation rejections, especially when inheriting illogical ratios. Whilst opinions remained divided over whether or not there is a real issue to address, AR reminded those present that setting the SHQs remains a Shipper responsibility and the 'new world' Project Nexus solution is not introducing anything new with this regard.

In the end it was agreed that perhaps a pragmatic approach would be to monitor the situation going forward with a view to possibly developing a suitable solution if it is later deemed that one is necessary. **Closed**

Action NEX05/03: Joint Office (BF/MB) to ensure that a new Project Nexus standing agenda item is created to cover the reporting requirements going forward.

Update: BF advised that this had been completed. **Closed**

Action NEX05/04: All parties to review the Xoserve Invoicing Proposals presentation with a view to providing their views for consideration at the 17 June 2013 meeting where it is hoped to formally sign off (approve) the proposals.

Update: Please refer to item 3.1 below. **Closed**

2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1 0434 – Project Nexus – Retrospective Adjustment

(Report to Panel 19 September 2013) – Papers at:

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0434/170613

2.2 0453 – Project Nexus – Demand Estimation

(Report to Panel 19 September 2013) – Papers at:

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0453/170613

3. Issues and topics for discussion

3.1 High Level Workgroup Issues

UK Link Programme – Update to Project Nexus UNC presentation

AM advised that consideration of this matter would be deferred until the August meeting.

Project Nexus UNC Invoicing Proposals presentation

MD provided a brief overview of the presentation and explained that it is the same presentation as provided at a previous meeting.

In examining the 'Key Objectives' slide, MD confirmed that the term 'flexible' in the "Provide more flexible levels of detail to Shippers" relates to Users being able to drill down to a more detailed level of information.

Moving on to consider the 'Next Steps' slide, MD confirmed that there would be little change (based upon these proposals) to the existing BRD, except that she intends to add the 'Charge Aggregations' slide at the appropriate point within the BRD for clarity purposes. JV advised that National Grid NTS is currently undertaking an internal review of the proposals and until this is completed she is unable to formally approve the document.

In closing, MD agreed to amend the BRD and bring it back to the Workgroup for consideration at the next meeting.

3.1.1 Outstanding Areas (Issues) Log

MD provided a brief overview of the outstanding issues log explaining that there are no new issues to consider and that it had been updated since the last meeting.

In light of the discussion undertaken in relation to ID34 under action NEX05/02 above, she would now update the log to reflect the comments made.

3.1.2 Project Plan

AM advised that he anticipates providing a draft plan for consideration at the August meeting.

3.1.3 BRD Updates

MD advised that an updated 'Retrospective Updates' BRD ((v2.1) *changes included addition of a new assumption, section 6 & 8.4.4 re-worded for clarity & changed version of supporting document to 1.0*) had recently been published on the Joint Office web site. When asked, those parties in attendance indicated that they were happy for the document to now be 'baselined'.

3.1.4 Funding Arrangements

Consideration deferred.

3.1.5 Transitional Arrangements

Consideration deferred.

3.1.6 Performance Assurance

Consideration deferred.

3.1.7 Reporting

Consideration deferred.

3.2 New Issues

None.

4. Any Other Business

Update on Provision of a Table of Legal Comments

SM enquired whether or not a table of legal comments had been developed and published. Responding, MD confirmed that Xoserve, was in fact, working on a 'traceability' document that seeks to compare the BRD's against the legal text and hopefully this would be ready for consideration at the 09 July meeting.

5. Diary Planning

The following meetings are scheduled to take place during 2013:

Title	Date	Location
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0434 & 0453 Workgroups)	09/07/2013	Consort House, Princes Gate Buildings, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0432, 0434 & 0453 Workgroups)	30/07/2013	Consort House, Princes Gate Buildings, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0432, 0434 & 0453 Workgroups)	13/08/2013	Consort House, Princes Gate Buildings, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
NEX05/02	07/05/13	3.1.1	To engage with the other GT's and Xoserve to seek to find a suitable resolution to Outstanding Issue Log ID34 (Ratchets – SOQ / SHQ ratio).	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Update provided. Closed
NEX05/03	20/05/13	2.	To ensure that a new Project Nexus standing agenda item is created to cover the reporting requirements going forward.	Joint Office (BF/MB)	Update provided. Closed
NEX05/04	20/05/13	4.1	To review the Xoserve Invoicing Proposals presentation with a view to providing their views for consideration at the 17 June 2013 meeting where it is hoped to formally sign off (approve) the proposals.	All	Update provided. Closed