

**UNC Workgroup 0506 Minutes  
Gas Performance Assurance Framework and Governance  
Arrangements**

**Tuesday 05 August 2014  
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Margan*	(AMa)	British Gas
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Angela Love	(AL)	Scottish Power
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Ian Hollington	(IH)	Joint Office
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Jonathan Kiddle	(JK)	EDF Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJo)	SSE
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sasha Pearce	(SP)	RWE npower
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

\* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0506/050814](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0506/050814)

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 December 2014.

**1.0 Outline of Modification**

AL discussed the outline of the modification. Whilst indicating that she would be more than happy to provide an explanation behind the rationale for the modification, AL suggested, and parties agreed, that it might be beneficial to defer discussions until after the Value Chain meetings scheduled to take place on Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 01 October had teased out more of the details. Discussions could then take a line-by-line review approach.

**2.0 Initial Discussion**

RP queried why Xoserve were to be included within the scope of the proposed Performance Assurance Framework. Following a detailed discussion the consensus was that Xoserve needed to be included because they are an integral part of the UK gas industry operation (i.e. a crucial link in the chain). AL also remarked that as the modification could/would potentially precede the Project Nexus go-live date, then Xoserve should be included within the proposed regime. Supporting this view, SM also provided a brief explanation behind why he believes that Xoserve are within scope.

Some parties remained doubtful that getting the framework in place to ensure that an Independent Administrator could be sourced before the Project Nexus go-live date would be realistically possible, whilst BF highlighted that he was under the impression that pre

Project Nexus ‘quick wins’ are not part of the main framework anyway other than they may support data cleaning initiatives. JD suggested that this debate had already been undertaken elsewhere within the industry on several occasions and feels that it might be beneficial for the PAF review to adopt a more holistic based approach.

The discussion then moved on to whether Xoserve’s inclusion in the regime would preclude them from taking on the administrator role, an opinion that AM challenged. SM summed up the discussion as being that some parties agreed that Xoserve should still be allowed to submit a bid even if they were included in the scope of the regime and that their eligibility would be decided by the tender process.

RP opened a discussion on whether the purpose of this modification was to check on quality or performance, meaning was it trying to achieve greater compliance with the requirements of the Network Code or to improve the accuracy of data.

As National Grid were preparing the legal text for Modification 0483, CB asked whether it would be beneficial for one company to also prepare this for Modification 0506. An action was taken by AC and RP to consider this and decide who will prepare the legal text for both modifications by the next meeting.

**Action 0801: National Grid Distribution (AC) and Wales and West Utilities (RP) to consider aligning/combining the production of the legal text for modifications 0483 and 0506.**

The possible need for a third modification to allow the passing of information to a third party, dependant on the appointment of the administrator was also briefly discussed.

### 3.0 Ofgem Update

There were no further comments

### 4.0 Any Other Business

None.

### 5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

The next meeting will take place on 30 September and 01 October 2014 at a London venue to be decided, and will be accommodated within the business proceedings of the Performance Assurance Workgroup.

### Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0801	05/08/14	2.0	To consider aligning/combining the production of the legal text for modifications 0483 and 0506.	National Grid Distribution (AC) & Wales & West Utilities (RP)	Update to be provided.