

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
25 September 2014
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	First Utility
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilites
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dist/280814>

1. Introduction and Status Review**1.1. Minutes**

Approved

1.2. Actions

0602: Xoserve to provide a selection of options for the future management of MPRN and Network related information where transfer of assets are concerned for all parties to consider in due course.

Update: DA confirmed a change order is being considered for the pre and post Nexus solution. He explained the complexities of lost history whilst transfers are in transition. CB highlighted the ringfencing of iGT supply points and potential loss of data for transitions between iGTs or iGT to GT and losing site history for what appeared to be a cosmetic change to the customer. Xoserve agreed to set out the system options, however DA explained that this was not a high priority with other change commitments. An update will be provided in due course. **Carried Forward.**

0801: Transporters to consider and respond on whether to standardise the warrant letter for Modification 0478 - Filling the gap for SOQ reductions below BSSOQ until Project Nexus.

Update: HCh confirmed Xoserve will provide a template letter for consideration. **Carried Forward.**

1.3. Modification(s) with Ofgem

LJ confirmed that 0507 - Changing The Effective Date of 0451AV (Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters) Final Modification Report was considered by the UNC Panel on 18 September 2014 and the Panel failed to recommend that the modification should be implemented.

1.4. Pre-Modification discussions

No pre-Modification discussions held.

1.5. Status Update

1.5.1. 0468 - Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas Transporters.

CB reported that she had tried to make contact with the DECC representative without success.

1.5.2. 0470 - Notification of Minimal Safety operating gas needs of large customers

LJ confirmed Modification 0470 was withdrawn on 16 September and new Modification 0516 had been raised.

1.5.3. 0516 - Information provision by large Customers to aid understanding of site characteristics

RJ explained the intent of the proposal which proposes to set up a needs register for DN customers to notify Transporters of their gas requirements during an emergency. He explained that the 0470 modification became somewhat over complicated and Wingas wanted to create a mechanism to allow customers to indicate their minimum requirements for safe shutdown purposes to assist in network emergency situations. He confirmed that the modification will not provide any form of rights.

Following Panel consideration on 16 October it is anticipated the Workgroup will assess the modification further on 23 October 2014.

AJ requested that the Transporters provide a view on potential use of the information during an emergency situation, to assist assessment by the workgroup.

ACTION 0901: 0516 - Transporters to provide a view on the potential use of customer site characteristic data within an emergency situation.

2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1. 0466 0466A - Daily Meter Reading Simplification (with improved within day data provision)

(Report to Panel 16 October 2014) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0466

2.2. 0469S - Transporter Gas Safety Visit Reporting

(Report to Panel 20 November 2014) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0469

2.3. **0512 - Amendment to Section M to be consistent with Faster Switching proposals**

(Report to Panel 20 November 2014) – Papers at:

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0511

2.4. **0514 - Extending the Daily Metered ‘voluntary’ service to Project Nexus Implementation Date plus six months**

(Report to Panel 15 January 2014)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0514

3. **Issues**

3.1. **ISS 0052 - Transfer of Assets.**

See Action 0602 at 1.2 above.

4. **Any Other Business**

LJ confirmed that Ofgem have directed the amendment of Final Modification Report 0445 - Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity. Ofgem concluded that the proposed legal text is inconsistent with the outcome intended by the modification proposal and in accordance with Standard Special Condition A11 paragraph 15(b)(ii) of the Gas Transporters licence; the FMR should be revised and resubmitted.

Ofgem direct that the FMR should be amended in order to provide additional clarity on the following points:

- The version of the UNC text which is used as the base for reflecting these proposed changes as it appears the baseline used includes approved future changes not yet in effect.
- Ensure that only the proposed changes to the text associated with UNC445 are shown (ie remove underlining that is not intended to form part of this modification).
- The drafting of the definitions of the term D, the term C (new) and proposed paragraph 5.1.16 in the draft legal text need to be reviewed to ensure that the drafting properly reflects the intended outcomes of the proposed modification. As drafted, unintended outcomes occur where, for example, the new booked capacity is higher than the booked capacity prior to the ‘Initial Capacity Reduction’.
- The rationale for retaining reference to the Bottom Stop in the transitional arrangements text.

5. **Diary Planning**

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Friday 03 October 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	0479S/0479A
10:30 Thursday 23 October 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	0468 update 0445 FMR, 0469S, 0512, 0516

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0602	15/08/14	1.2	To provide a selection of options for the future management of MPRN and Network related information where transfer of assets are concerned for all parties to consider in due course. DA to discuss with CW and report back to September October meeting.	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward Due 23/10/14
0801	28/08/14	3.4	Transporters to consider and respond on whether to standardise the warrant letter for Modification 0478 - Filling the gap for SOQ reductions below BSSOQ until Project Nexus	All DNs	Carried Forward Due 23/10/14
0901	25/09/14	1.5	0516 - Transporters to provide a view on the potential use of customer site characteristic data within an emergency situation.	All DNs	Pending Due 23/10/14