

UNC Workgroup 0531 Minutes
Provision and Development of Industry Testing Prior to Nexus
Go-live

Tuesday 03 March 2015

31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alison Neild	(AN)	Gazprom
Andy Kelly	(AK)	Scottish Power
Brendan Cooper*	(BC)	GDF suez
Carl Whitehouse*	(CWWh)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
Danielle Hall	(DH)	Plus Shipping
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Edward Hunter	(EH)	npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
James Hill*	(JH)	EDF Energy
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	first:utility
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michelle Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE npower
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
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* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 May 2014.

1.0 Outline of Modification

MJ introduced the modification and explained the background to its submission. The modification seeks to put a transitional obligation on the Transporters to provide a testing system and regime to support Shipper testing requirements for Project Nexus. This will enable all parties to gain confidence that their systems are ready and capable of participating under the new arrangements from the implementation date and thereafter.

MJ confirmed that SSE had commissioned a report by PA Consulting to look at the risks associated with the current Project Nexus testing regime. The report has examined the current status of the Project Nexus Programme, assessed any gaps, issues and risks.

MJ outlined that part of the solution will be to have a testing environment and regime provided by the Transporter's Agent including beyond implementation.

DA asked if part of the modification would fall away now the Nexus Steering Group (NSG) and its Terms of Reference had been established. MJ acknowledged the modification had been raised prior to PA Consulting producing their final report and the most recent programme update provide by Xoserve, confirming that some elements of the modification would need to be reviewed to assess if they are still required.

2.0 Initial Discussion

JD confirmed that the NSG is due to have it's first meeting on 04 March 2015. The group had been established to review how market-testing arrangements could be managed. There were no restrictions on parallel considerations within the industry. JD explained the need for a structured approach to market testing, more rigidity and to ensure all parties are ready.

SM believed that there would be 3 testing cycles and that the testing environment would be open for a 3 full months after Project Nexus go-live.

DA explained that the market trial environment provided by Xoserve would be utilised as soon as Nexus has been implemented for other system developments. SM suggested the environment maybe able to be cloned and made available on a different server, it may simply be the server that is being used that provided a link to the market trial environment.

DA confirmed that the Market Trial group had been established to specify requirements. SM explained Shippers are concerned with the testing window.

DA did not believe that a post Nexus environment was anticipated as a requirement. He explained that there are resources to support pre-nexus testing but he believed the provision of a post testing environment window was not programmed and there are other activities that would need to utilise the resource. DA confirmed he would make some enquiries about the availability of a test environment after Nexus implementation.

Action 0301: Xoserve to clarify the availability of the Project Nexus test environment post Nexus

The Workgroup considered the principal of the modification, how the Workgroup and NSG would be co-ordinated and whether this was in fact a UNC modification. The Workgroup briefly discussed: What can the NSG address? How will it consider the modification?

SM questioned if having a longer test window would result in an inherent risk that parties would delay testing until later.

It was anticipated that the legal text for this modification would be expected by the 16 April 2015 Panel meeting. National Grid Distribution agreed to consider the ability to provide legal text for the modification.

2.1. Initial Representations

None received.

2.2. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

3.0 Next Steps

Further consideration of the Modification, Business Rules, Legal Text and development of Workgroup Report.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 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 Tuesday 10 March 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Project Nexus Workgroup: Requirement 31 - Read Validation Requirement 38 - AQ Correction Consumption Adjustments BRDs
10:30 Wednesday 25 March 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Workgroup 0531: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended Modification • Consideration of Business Rules • Consideration of Legal Text • Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	03/03/15	2.0	Xoserve to clarify the availability of the Project Nexus test environment post Nexus.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending