

UNC Workgroup Minutes

0532 - Implementation of Non Effective Days (Project Nexus transitional modification)

0535 - Implementation of Non Effective Days to enable Annual AQ Review (independent of Nexus transition)

Wednesday 25 March 2015

31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Edward Hunter	(EH)	npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Helen Cuin	(HCu)	Joint Office
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 Services
Rachel Duke*	(RD)	EDF Energy
Rob Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Good Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0532/250315

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 June 2015.

1.0 Outline of Modification

DA introduced Modifications 0532 and 0535 regarding Non Effective Days. DA provided a [presentation](#) to the Workgroup expressing Xoserve's thoughts regarding both modifications, and how these will help mitigate any potential risks, should the Project Nexus Implementation Date change – Modification 0535 has been raised as contingency to allow the AQ process to continue with the system constraints put in place due to the implementation of Modification 0477.

DA explained that these were being discussed simultaneously to remove any confusion, giving the background and justification, to assist the Workgroup and Panel. He stated that Modification 0535 will be required should the Project Nexus Implementation Date change. DA explained the general principals of non-effective days and that non-effective days have been used previously for RGMA and UK Link Technology refresh days. He explained that there is no defined term for non-effective days these are defined only when and where they are required on an event specific basis. He explained the definition and

functions of non-business days and non-business system days highlighting and that these could not be utilised because of the way code is constructed.

DA confirmed that the Shippers would ordinarily be asked not to send Code communications on non-effective days, as systems won't be available to process files. If communications are submitted these will be queued and processed after the non-effective days. He clarified that Supply Point Confirmations can be submitted on a non-effective day but Xoserve would prefer if Shippers did not issue these. For Modification 0535 only, should Shippers process the files, Xoserve will accept and store these for processing on the next business day. He also confirmed Supply Point Confirmation start dates can be set on a non-effective day but again these will not be processed on any non-effective days.

DA summarised that Modification 0532 asks for 5 non-effective days preceding the implementation date and Modification 0535 asks for 2 non-effective days prior to the implementation date. DA confirmed any communications sent on these days will be receipted but the processing of the files will be placed into a holding pot for processing.

Modification 0535 requests two fixed non-effective days; i.e. 29th and 30th September 2015. Any Code communications sent on these days will receive a receipt, but will be placed in 'catch up files' for future processing, this is possible due to the fact Modification 0535 impacts the existing system which will be brought back online.

BF advised that there may be impacts on legal text should both modifications be implemented as one may overwrite the other – careful consideration needs to be given about implementation. CW stated that the Legal Text would be taken into consideration regarding both of these specific modifications.

DA wanted the Workgroup to consider Modification 0532 regarding 5 or 6 non-effective days, prior to the implementation date. He stated that 5 days is not yet officially confirmed and 6 days could be discussed as an option, if the Shippers found this more preferable as it would align with the 6 days proposed for iGT systems.

DA advised that Modification 0532 is different to Modification 0535 in how it manages Code communications received during the non-effective days – the file receipt process will acknowledge receipt, however as the existing system is being replaced by the Nexus systems, any files received during non-effective days will not be processed. He also noted that central systems do not need to process files sequentially so if a file is submitted by accident a replacement file with a new number can be submitted once the systems are back up and running.

BF reminded participants that Ofgem would be seeking robust justification for the number of days chosen as this may impact consumers.

DA explained to the Workgroup that Modification 0477 'Faster Switching' reduced the timescales of the change of the supplier process, from 7 days to 2 business days.

Modification 0535 would have an impact, as the effect of having the non-effective days would extend the confirmation period so that the objection deadline would have to be no later than Friday 25 September. The non-effective days will only apply to UNC TPD Section G and Section M processes.

MJ asked if a table could be produced by Xoserve to outline the impact of non-effective days, non-business days and non-business system days to understand the differences between all three on certain processes. DA agreed to provide the Workgroup with a spreadsheet for 5 or 6 non-effective days for both Modifications 0535 and 0532, showing the impact of non-effective days.

DA confirmed that whenever Nexus implementation takes place the 5/6 days non-effective days would still be required. He requested feedback from the Workgroup as to the preferred duration of non-effective days for Modification 0532 by 07 April 2015.

CW asked if there would be any impact to non-effective days if retrospective adjustments were deferred. The Workgroup believed that there wouldn't be an impact.

The Workgroup agreed to consider further views on the non-effective days on 07 April 2015.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Initial Representations

None received.

2.2. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that the Project Nexus Workgroup Meeting on 07 April would consider views from parties on the non-effective days.

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 07 April 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Project Nexus Workgroup AQ Correction Scenarios Workgroup 0531 Views on 0532 and 0535.
10:30 Tuesday 12 May 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Project Nexus Workgroup