

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

Tuesday 07 April 2015

31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Aleksandra Cebo*	(AC)	EDF Energy
Alexa St Clair*	(ASC)	Opus Energy
Alison Neild	(AN)	Gazprom
Andrea Bruce	(AB)	Scottish Power
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Debbie Draycott*	(DD)	BP
Edward Hunter	(EH)	npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Glen Nixon	(GN)	Utiligroup
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
James Hill	(JH)	EDF Energy
James Kleiner-Mann	(JKM)	Wingas
Karen Visgarda	(KV)	Joint Office
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	first:utility
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michelle Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping Services
Rachel Duke*	(RD)	EDF Energy
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Good Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Steve Russell	(SR)	RWE npower
Sue Cropper	(SC)	British Gas

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0531/070415>

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

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

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

Update: DA advised that the test environment would not be available post Project Nexus go live as once the market trials are completed, it will be moved across in

support of the production environment. However, a separate testing environment would be provided in due course.

When asked, DA explained that it is not possible to take a copy of the test environment, as it is only a support environment and not a production one.

DA pointed out that Xoserve had not factored in the need for a permanent enduring test environment (post Project Nexus go live) as these are created and provided on an 'as needed' basis to meet the requirements of specific system changes.

DA went on to advise that since the last meeting he had been in further discussions with the Proposer SSE (MJ). The result of these discussions is that Xoserve have some concerns that need to be considered. DA acknowledged that in theory the market trials environment could be extended beyond its current shut down date and Xoserve are looking into this possibility at the moment. He also added that Xoserve are also looking at potential batch scheduling problems and timings – an Xoserve requirements document would be published in due course.

SM suggested that testing timings and environment availability remains a concern, particularly past the proposed test window as this may impact parties delivering late into the test window. Responding, DA pointed out that there are no principles within the UK Link Manual for the provision of transitional test environments. Furthermore, he only believes that this modification has merit if it relates to a Class 3 UK Link Modification, as he can see no amendment to the UNC.

DA went on to add that as an enduring testing environment was not previously identified as a requirement, he believes that any development of such an item would potentially be a User Pays service with associated charges – at this time he does not have any information relating to potential UP charges.

DA pointed out that Xoserve would need to prepare an Agency Charging Statement (ACS) and plan to discuss this with MJ, as it potentially requires an amendment to the modification.

DA also observed that a test environment for the (delayed) retrospective updates functionality delivery would also be required, but he feels that this requirement would not necessarily be satisfied via this modification. BF wondered whether this could be catered for outside of the modification to which DA agreed to discuss with MJ in due course. **Closed**

2.0 Amended Modification

Whilst consideration was deferred, a new action was placed against DA and MJ to consider what amendments might be needed to the modification in light of discussion under item 1.2 above.

New Action 0531 0401: Xoserve (DA) and SSE (MJ) to consider requirements for amending the modification.

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Whilst noting that legal text is also required for inclusion within the Workgroup Report at some stage, BF and suggested that it might be prudent to request an extension to June for submission of the Workgroup Report.

Further consideration of the Workgroup Report at this meeting was deferred.

4.0 Next Steps

At the 12 May 2015 Workgroup meeting it is hoped to be able to consider an amended modification (if provided) along with legal text before looking to develop the Workgroup Report further.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 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 12 May 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of amended modification (if provided) • Consideration of legal text if available • 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)	Closed
0401	07/04/15	2.0	To consider requirements for amending the modification.	Xoserve (DA) & SSE (MJ)	Pending