

# **UNC Workgroup 0468 Minutes** **Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas** **Transporters**

**Thursday 23 July 2015**  
**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
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Davies	(GD)	National Grid NTS
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	Npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Robert Wiggington	(RW)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulliganie	(SM)	Gazprom

\* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 October 2015.

## **1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions**

### **1.1 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

### **1.2 Actions**

**0401:** E.ON (CB) to look to obtaining a meaningful definition for a UPRN from the Land & Property Organisation.

**Update:** Consideration deferred. **Carried Forward**

**0402:** *Reference reviewing Supply Meter Point address data* – Xoserve (HC) to double check whether or not Xoserve are able to accommodate the proposed UPRN update cycle (i.e. 6 week refresher).

**Update:** Consideration deferred. **Carried Forward**

**0403:** E.ON (CB) to investigate the statutory requirements of Local Authorities in England & Wales and whether or not similar obligations are replicated in Scotland.

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**0404:** E.ON (CB) & Xoserve (HC) to consider the PAF to UPRN based solution transitional requirements for inclusion in a subsequent amended version of the modification.

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## 2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

Consideration deferred.

## 3.0 Consideration of Joint Industry Address Data Quality Workgroup Consultation Questions

In providing a brief progress update, CB explained that the previous days Joint Industry Address Data Quality Workgroup (JIADQW) meeting, parties discussed the tie up between UPRN and Ordnance Survey Address base product – another product being considered is the Experian software tool, which may use Address Base.

During the meeting, the Ordnance Survey representatives took an action to look at licencing (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> party licence impacts associated with dissemination of UPRN data).

As far as the Public Sector Mapping Agreement issues are concerned, these remain unresolved at this point. Furthermore, concerns have been voiced relating to whether or not the utility industry is party to this agreement, as the perception is that these are ‘single use’ licences – this matter is being considered by Ordnance Survey.

DA voiced his concerns relating to how Ordnance Survey seem to describe / define UPRNs, and how this then influences 3<sup>rd</sup> party software tool development (i.e. potential for a mismatch in market available products).

It was noted that Ordnance Survey can only licence Address Base as it is thought that UPRN would be accessible by other parties and providers.

When challenged to explain why the modification has taken so long to get to this point in the process, CB explained that the slow moving nature of this modification was largely down to the complexities involved and the reliance on other parties to address outstanding issues outside of her direct control and sphere of influence.

CB pointed out that in the electricity industry, one party had already cleaned up circa 60k UPRNs, although DA suggested that some believe that this has had a ‘knock on’ impact on the PAF provisions as they are not valid addresses – agreement was not reached on this point. SM suggested that unless there is a clear cost benefit associated with the modification, then due consideration should be given to withdrawing the modification.

DA explained that the JIADQW are looking at three possible options, namely:

- Option A – badged as 0468 for gas + another modification for the electricity side;
- Option B – based around the passing on of Ordnance Survey Address Base elements (this appears to be Ofgem’s preferred solution), and
- Option C – involving the resolution of mismatches based around Dual Fuel aspects (i.e. harmonisation of data).

A consultation on the options is to be undertaken in due course.

DA went on to advise that surprisingly it appears that both the Chairperson and Workgroup members believe that they do not need to justify their outputs on a cost benefits basis, as they believe any cost benefits case, should be undertaken on an individual modification by modification basis. CB suggested that this view might be the result of the extremely aggressive timescales involved (i.e. consultation and subsequent collation of responses) – in essence this leaves a five week window in order to provide proposals to Ofgem by November 2015. DA felt that this might also be a product of

alignment to COSEC timelines (i.e. to complete all work by the end of September 2015 to thereafter present to the respective Panels by November 2015).

CB went on to suggest that a lack of clear evidence only serves to 'mask' the route to a solution. DA believes that Ofgem are less concerned about the matter and are focusing more on the DCC delivery (including UPRN provisions).

In attempting to summarise the position, CB believes that the modification is 'stranded' until more clarity around licencing aspects becomes available. She remains of the view that Ordnance Survey was very cost focused.

When asked, CB indicated that she would like to defer a decision on whether or not to withdraw the modification until the September Workgroup meeting when she expects that more information from the Dual Fuel Workgroup would be forthcoming.

#### **4.0 Consideration of Progressing with iGT056**

Consideration deferred.

#### **5.0 Workgroup Report**

##### **5.1. Consideration of business rules**

Consideration was deferred at this time.

##### **5.2. Consideration of User Pays**

Consideration was deferred at this time.

##### **5.3. Consider Relevant Objectives – Panel Question on how the modification interacts with the joint fuel working group**

Consideration was deferred at this time.

#### **6.0 Next Steps**

BF to request an extension to the Workgroup Reporting date.

#### **7.0 Any Other Business**

None.

#### **8.0 Diary Planning for Review Group**

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 24 September 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	Standard Workgroup considerations plus:  Consideration of Joint Industry Address Data Quality Workgroup consultation questions  Consideration of progress with iGT056

**Action Table**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
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