

UNC Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes

Tuesday 12 April 2016

31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LG)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Brendan Cooper*	(BC)	Engie
Chris Warner	(CWa)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Paul Carmen*	(PC)	Scottish Power
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid NTS
Rachel Duke*	(RD)	EDF Energy
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Good Energy
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom
Sue Cropper	(SC)	British Gas
Sue Hillbourne*	(SH)	Scotia Gas Networks

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/120416>

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (08 March 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

0301: Xoserve to review the Requirement Log and Requirements Gap Log and consider if any implementation priorities will be required.

Update: MD confirmed that some updates are required. Item carried forward to the next meeting. **Carried Forward**

1.3. Pre-Modification discussions

CWa confirmed that, as has been suggested previously, a modification to 'align Code to the actual UK Link replacement functionality is in preparation. LJ requested that a draft modification is brought to the May Workgroup in line with the new pre-modification arrangements before formal submission to Panel.

DA suggested that Modification 0576 may wish to have the transisitional arrangements split out from the enduring arrangements, creating an additdional modification. However this would be discussed and agreed at the 0576 Workgroup meetings.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0531 – Provision of an Industry User Test System

(Report to Panel 19 May 2016)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0531

2.2. 0576 – Generation of an estimated Meter Reading at the Code Cut Off Date in the absence of an actual Meter Reading

(Report to Panel 19 May 2016)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0576>

2.3. 0578 – Implementation of Retrospective Invoice Adjustment arrangements (Project Nexus transitional modification)

(Report to Panel 16 June 2016)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0578>

3. Requirements Log

Deferred until May.

4. Issues

No new issues raised.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Supplier Generated Reads

RD explained that EDF have been looking at retrospective read amendments and the ability to amend reads upon core Project Nexus delivery. At present a Shipper can submit a read to replace the latest read, even if the read date is different. A review of the detailed requirements has highlighted that there are limitations to the meter reading types that can be submitted when Retrospective Read Replacement is introduced by Project Nexus. In view of the findings EDF would like to consider removing this from the core delivery.

MD explained that if this was required it wouldn't be possible to implement the change for Project Nexus implementation. RD challenged the industry's view on whether this should be mandated within Project Nexus core delivery.

DA explained the unintended consequence of the restrictions of submitted reads on the same day and emphasised that this could not be changed for day one. MD believed this would require new functionality to build the ability in and it wasn't as simple as backing out the provisions.

SC's view was that the lost functionality needs to be built back in. She acknowledged this couldn't be done for day one but this needed to be done as soon as possible. SC expressed some nervousness around regulating Shipper estimated reads however she was keen to look at the requirements log and not wait until the next implementation phase to reinstate the lost functionality.

RD suggested that the issue should be logged as a requirement gap and included in the planned "sweep up" modification.

5.2. Modification 0432 Legal Text Review

AC explained that following the approval of the Legal Text for Modification 0432 - Project Nexus – Gas Demand Estimation, Allocation, Settlement and Reconciliation reform, two years ago and the implementation of a number of modifications, the baseline legal text has required a review and a number of conflicts with modification implemented since that time have been identified. He gave an example of some section numbering issues where new paragraphs had been inserted into the UNC and conflicts exist. AC confirmed there would also be a requirement from the 'reference date' to produce two sets of legal text for modifications affecting the 0432 text (for Code up to Nexus go-live and then for the enduring Code)..

CWa explained the most significant change will be the legal text for Modification 0565 (FGO) and the need to baseline the text correctly and lock down the legal text for future modifications.

5.3. Project Nexus Steering Group

LJ referred to Ofgem's communications about the evolving governance of the Project Nexus programme. He explained that Ofgem would be changing the governance arrangements, notably that future, monthly; PNSG meetings will be chaired and sponsored by Ofgem with a focus on delivery. He confirmed there would be a Project Nexus Delivery Group aimed at a project lead level. Meetings are intended to be programmed fortnightly. LJ also explained there would be senior level involvement via a Project Nexus Stakeholder Forum and a series of cross-functional workgroups (Transition Group, Market Trials Working Group etc).

This meant that all (non-UNC governance) delivery-related matters currently raised at PNWG and UKLC should be managed within the new structure to avoid duplication and cross-governance risks. LJ clarified that the UNC Project Nexus Workgroup will at some point close, possibly upon the conclusion of the current modifications being considered and ongoing business or gaps identified will be directed to the Distribution Workgroup.

RCH asked if the Ofgem Steering Group would be a strategy-based group; LL asked if the group would have a constituency based mechanism and SC asked about UKLIEF and the availability of information.

JD confirmed that Ofgem intend to release a communication to expand further on the new structure. He did not envisage any limitation on UKLIEF or re-inventing the wheel, this was about expediting the governance and satisfying due process has been followed.

6. Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings expect to take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Tuesday 10 May 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Nexus Workgroup Workgroups 0531, 0576 & 0578
10:30 Tuesday 14 June 2016	6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.	Nexus Workgroup
10:30 Tuesday 12 July 2016	6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.	Nexus Workgroup

Action Table (as at 12 April 2016)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	08/03/16	4.0	Xoserve to review the Requirement Log and Requirments Gap Log and consider if any implementation priorities will be required.	Xoserve (MD)	Carried Forward