

Project Nexus Market Differentiation Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 10 September 2009
Holiday Inn, 61 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QD

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Brian Durber	(BD1)	E.ON UK
Chris Hill	(CH)	RWE Npower
Elaine Carr	(EC)	Scottish Power
Gareth Evans	(GE)	for GDF Suez and Total
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Lisa Harris	(LH)	Shell Gas Direct
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	xoserve
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS
Stefan Leedham	(SL)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM1)	for Gazprom
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	xoserve

Apologies

Shirley Wheeler	xoserve
Simon Trivella	Wales & West Utilities

1. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising

BF welcomed all to the meeting of the Workgroup. All materials relating to the Workgroup will be published on the Joint Office website at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Workstreams/nexus/>.

1.1 Review of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of actions

NEMD0005: Identify Transporter/Shipper/Supplier Licence requirements and any other appropriate legislative obligations. **Update:** xoserve (SN) informed members that it is not their intention to undertake a formal presentation on the data, as it is provided for information purposes only.

Action: Closed

NEMD0006: Identify how Market Sector Flag is currently used to treat customers differently and how the processes work. **Update:** xoserve (MD) informed members that the information had been made available to view &/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Workstreams/nexus/>

Action: Closed

NEMD0007: Workgroup review of the scope document. **Update:** xoserve (SN) informed members that once again the information (incorporating

comments received at the last meeting) had been made available to view &/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Workstreams/nexus/>

Action: Closed

NEMD0008: Carry out further analysis relating to the benefits of increasing the reliability of the current flag. **Update:** Gazprom (SM1) indicated that he is unsure of what is actually being asked of him. Chair (BF) suggested that this might be closely related to further development of the scope document and its subsequent relevance to other Project Nexus workgroups.

The group then debated the relevance of their role in light of the recent cancellation of meetings, due in part, to the ongoing development of the workplan. It is envisaged that a revised workplan will be presented at the next Project Nexus Advisory Group (PNAG) meeting on 05/10/09 for ratification.

Members agreed to close the action, subject to any PNAG decisions.

Action: Closed

2. Transitional Customer Treatment

Members agreed to place this item on temporary hold until such a time that this workgroup should reconvene.

3. Review Scope Document

Following a brief opening discussion, members reviewed the document, suggesting various amendments to the text.

The main points of discussion centred on customer definitions contained in the Gas and Utilities Acts, their requirements, including Shipper responsibilities, and clarification of the potential validation/verification of MSF information. It was acknowledged that industry processes already exist to support the verification of AQ's and that the main area of concern for MSF's is the change of use and accuracy of field population.

Views remained polarised on the subject of data cleansing, although it was recognised that benefit may be gleaned from undertaking a statistical analysis exercise at some point in the future to understand any potential data inaccuracy issues. Members noted that a UNC Modification looking at MSF accuracy may be raised in due course should Project Nexus be delayed.

In closing, SN suggested that, subject to inclusion of the 'revised table' from the MSF Analysis from the 04/08/09 meeting as an appendix, the scope document should now be presented to the Project Nexus Workstream with a recommendation that it is issued to other Topic workgroups for their review.

Members then went on to briefly review the xoserve Business Process Impacts analysis sheet presented at the 04/08/09 meeting, looking closely at the relationship between smart and AMR. When asked, MD confirmed that item 5.8 relates to category definitions such as A, B and C etc.

4. Project Nexus Workstream Report

BF informed members that he will liaise with xoserve to complete and publish the workgroup report for members to validate.

5. Diary Planning

Members agreed to a temporary cessation of the Market Differentiation workgroup's work until such a time as it is deemed appropriate to reconvene.

All proposed meeting dates are listed on the Joint Office web site events diary and a separate spreadsheet has also been published.

6. AOB

When asked, BF agreed to ensure that previous market differentiation materials are cross referenced within the workstream report.

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Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
NEMD 0005	04.08.09	3.	Identify Transporter/ Shipper/Supplier Licence requirements and any other appropriate legislative obligations.	xoserve (SN/SW)	Update provided. Closed
NEMD 0006	04.08.09	3.	Identify how Market Sector Flag is currently used to treat customers differently and how the processes work.	xoserve (SN/SW)	Update provided. Closed
NEMD 0007	04.08.09	3.	The Workgroup to review the scope document for discussion at the next meeting.	xoserve (SN/SW)	Update provided. Closed
NEMD 0008	04.08.09	3.	Carry out further analysis relating to the benefits of increasing the reliability of the current flag.	SM1	Update provided. Closed