

Business Rules Document

For

Supply Point Enquiry Process

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1. Introduction

1.1 Document Purpose

The purpose of this document is to ensure that the business requirements associated with the referenced change have been accurately captured, and to clearly specify these requirements to the Project Nexus AMR Workgroup and Project Nexus UNC Workstream (PN UNC). Adequate information should be provided to enable the industry to approve the documented requirements for Cost Benefit Analysis at a later stage.

The contents refer to the business scope of the change, and provide descriptions of the business requirements.

1.2 Related Documents

Documents held on the Joint Office website under Project Nexus, in particular;

- AMR Minutes & process flow documents from the 9th June 2010, 22nd June 2010 and 7th July 2010.
- SPA Enquiry Process – Additional Requirements for AMR sites ICoSS presentation

Link to the Joint Office website;

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/2010>

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Background

As part of the requirements definition phase of Project Nexus, the Change of Supplier process was examined during the 'AMR Detailed Requirements' workgroup. One of the areas some Shippers believed could be enhanced was the Supply Point Enquiry process. Shippers raised additional requirements in the Enquiry section of the Supply Point Administration process at the Project Nexus AMR 3 meeting on 12th May 2010. An ICoSS representative took away an action to provide the detailed requirements. These requirements were presented and discussed further at the AMR Workgroup on the 22nd June 2010. It was agreed at the Workgroup that xserve should work the requirements into business rules that could subsequently be costed.

Two options were proposed and considered within the meeting (as detailed below), however, consensus was gained that Option 1 should be the approach taken and documented. The second option would require Suppliers to interpret the data before it could be usefully used. This option may be revisited as an alternative if necessary.

Option 1: Consumption history data provided at Meter Point level

Option 2: Profile Information, standard deviation from the Supply Point profile

Concerns were raised regarding potential issues with the Data Protection Act; however, the requirement assumes that in submitting the request Shippers would be warranting that they have obtained the relevant permission to access this data.

2.2 Issues

At the AMR meeting on the 31st March 2010, the workgroup identified issues and constraints with the existing Change of Supplier process. The following issues were raised;

- a) Suppliers unable to provide accurate quotes where consumption data is not available from the consumer. This may lead to;
- b) Proposing Suppliers being at a disadvantage to the incumbent Supplier for contract negotiation

The following issues were raised during the Project Nexus Consultation (taken from the IRR);

- c) There is a requirement for basic profile data to be provided to allow accurate quoting and purchasing (1.5)
- d) When a consumer exercises their right to change supplier, the industry needs to consider if it is prepared to share consumption data with other Shippers (1.10)

2.3 Benefits

The purpose of these requirements is to provide a potential Proposing Shipper with additional information about a Supply Point to ensure that a proposing Shipper can be as equally well informed as the incumbent Shipper. This approach is expected to encourage competition and improve the efficiency of the current market by allowing Suppliers to provide consumers with accurate quotes based on historical consumption. It was felt that some consumers may have this level of information, especially the larger I&C sites but not necessarily the smaller I&C sites (SME sites).

2.4 Scope

In Scope:

- Supply Point Enquiry process (currently via the .NOM file).
- DM sites, including DM CSEPs
- Unique Sites (including NTS Sites)
- NDM sites

Out of Scope:

- Any requirements other than those identified as 'In Scope'
- Any changes to the existing Supply Point Enquiry process and file format, to clarify; this new request will be considered as a new enquiry type
- Changes to the Nomination or Confirmation processes or file format
- Any changes to Gemini file flows and timings.
- NDM CSEPs
- Interconnectors

2.5 UNC and Licence Impacts

- Section G of UNC. Supply Point Enquiries covered under G1.17 which permits a Supply Point Enquiry where an Enquiring User is "*contemplating submitting a Supply Point Nomination*".

3. Design Considerations

Implementation Timescales:

- Implementation of the developed solution to be confirmed once all requirements are captured during the Project Nexus requirements definition phase

Dependencies:

- Approval by Project Nexus UNC Workstream.
- Approval by Ofgem following the appropriate UNC Modification process.

Risks:

- There is a risk that the volume of data required may impact system performance and downstream processes, this may be especially prevalent during peak periods for I&C contract negotiations.
- There is currently only a view of the possible volumes, as detailed below; this may in reality be significantly more or less.
- This requirement may not be a long term requirement; as consumers become more aware of their consumption following the fitting of a smart meter they may have this information and able to supply during contract negotiations.
- Requests may be submitted for Domestic sites as checks will not be carried out by xoserve that the Supply Point is I&C (Market Sector Flag = 'I')
- The Supplier may submit a request for a period longer than the consumer has occupied the premises therefore the Shipper may request and obtain consumption data for the previous consumer where permission has not been gained.

Constraints:

- The current UNC requirement of 2 business days (although the files are turned around within the day) to provide the information may not add the required benefit for Suppliers. A solution whereby the data is received instantly may also be required, the solution will be cost dependant
- Data provided will be the data held on the Supply Point Register, xoserve will not be required to source data from other systems or parties.

Assumptions:

- Energy continues to be calculated, recorded and held at the required level; Meter Point or Supply Point level.
- xoserve continues to receive and hold data at the required level; Supply and Meter Point level, not aggregated data.
- The Supplier has gained the relevant permission from the consumer.
- The Supply Point is a Commercial premise; not a domestic premise. The Supplier will be responsible to ensure that requests are not intentionally made for Domestic Supply Points.

Design Option

- A solution that will enable a fast turnaround of enquiries.

Volumes

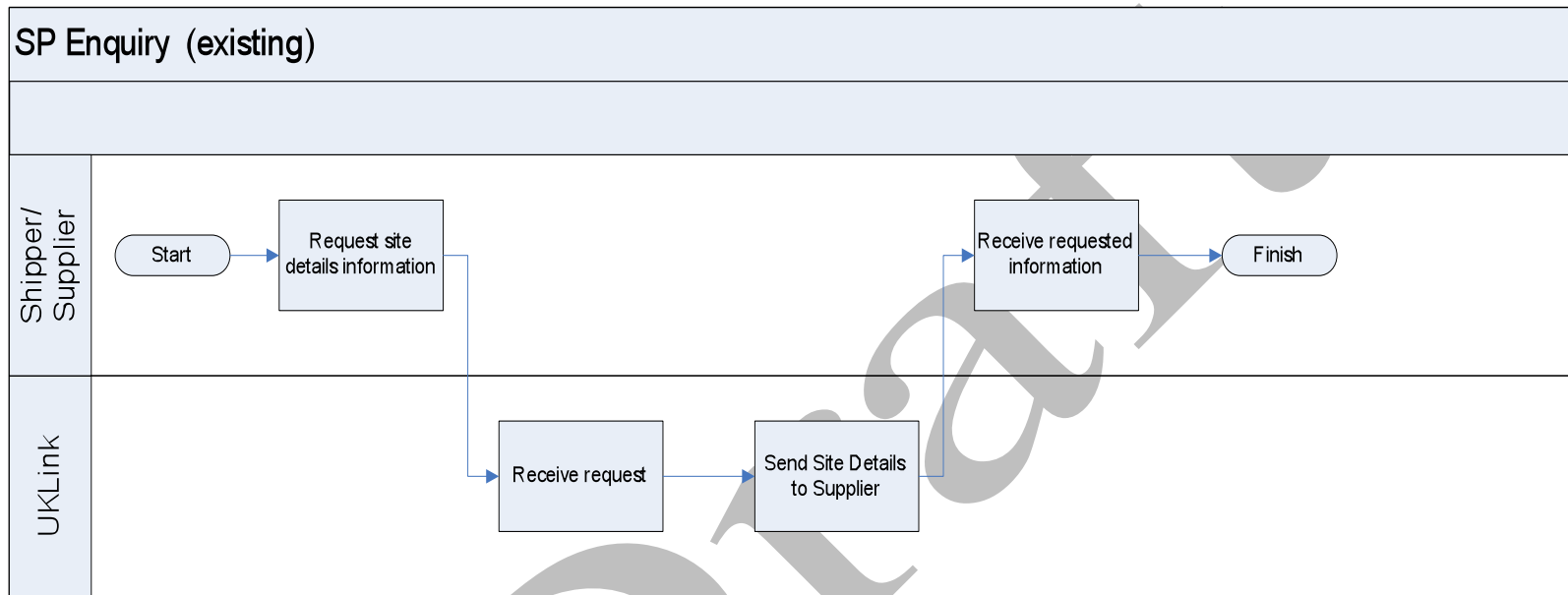
- The following information is only a view at this stage, more accurate volumes will be required at the cost stage of the requirements;
 - Potentially 400,000 Meter Points (however this could be over or under estimated as there are approx. 630,000 Meter Points with a MSF of 'I' and 55,600 Meter Points with an AQ above 732,000 kWh)
 - On average 3-4 Suppliers may require the information per Meter Point
 - Peaks may be twice a year in April and October

Costing Options

- Consumption data submitted either;
 - aggregated and provided at Supply Point level
 - for each Meter Point within the Supply Point
- Consumption data provided for either;
 - A period specified by the User by specifying a start and end date
 - A period of a maximum of 12/24 months or for as long as the Supply Point was set up on the Supply Point Register if less than 12/24 months

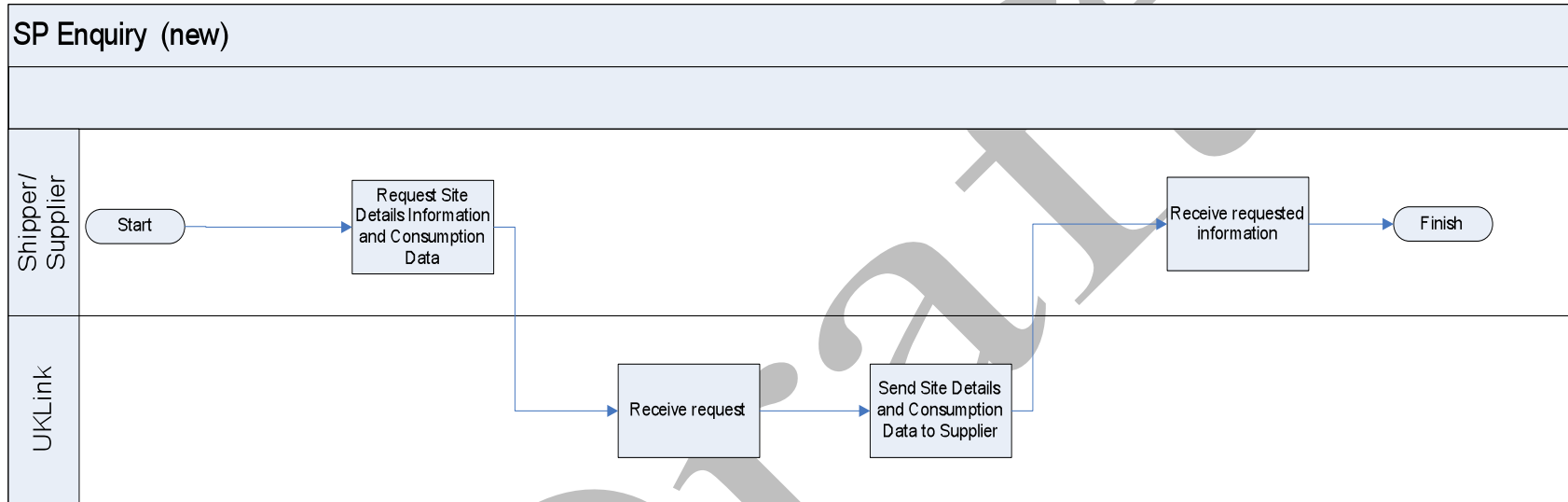
4. Business Process Model

Current Supply Point Enquiry process



New Supply Point Enquiry Process with the Introduction of consumption data

This process is in addition to the existing Supply Point Enquiry process.



5. Business Requirements Definition

- PN101 Applies to I&C sites only. The Shipper will warrant that the Supply Point is a commercial premise. Validations will not be carried out by xserve.
- PN102 The existing Supply Point Enquiry process will not be affected.
- PN103 Shippers will need to submit a request for the existing Supply Point Enquiry or the new Supply Point Enquiry which will include additional data items: the consumption history for the Supply Point or Meter Point(s). For clarification, two separate processes will exist.
- PN104 The Shipper submitting the request must be a Registered User.
- ~~PN105 A record will be logged and maintained that the Shipper has gained permission from the consumer. Where the consumer's permission has not been gained the request will be rejected.~~
- ~~PN106 Request for data will only be provided for Meter Points with Advanced Meters (AMR) fitted. Where an AMR is not fitted the request will be rejected.~~
- PN107 Consumption provided will be in kWh.
- PN108 The most recent data to be provided prior to the date of receipt of the request. However, options should be identified for the range of data available and costs provided for each option, as below;
- For a period specified by a start date and end date
 - For a set period; maximum of 24 months or 12 months, if available
- PN109 The additional data to be included on the new Supply Point Enquiry is;
- Supply Point/Meter Point Consumption, based on an actual or estimated meter reading
 - Consumption (reading) date, dependant on if the data is provided at Meter Point level
 - The Read Type that the consumption was calculated from, again dependant if the data is at Supply Point level
- PN110 Data provided will be for a maximum of 24 months from the date of receipt of the Supply Point Enquiry or, if 24 months is not available; the maximum available for the Supply Point.
- PN111 The consumption data held on the Supply Point Register will be issued to the shipper, whether daily consumption, monthly, annual etc.
- ~~PN112 System will need to record that an AMR meter is fitted at the Meter Point.~~
- PN113 Requests will be made for a Supply Point and the data provided will be at Supply Point level. Costs to be investigated on the option for providing the data at Meter Point level as well as Supply Point.
- ~~PN114 For Supply Points with both AMR and non AMR meters fitted, the additional data will only be provided for Meter Points with AMR fitted. The response to notify the Shipper of this for each Meter Point where an AMR meter is not fitted (as per xserve's records)~~

- PN115 The response, whether accepted or rejected, will be issued within the UNC timescales (currently 2 business days although timescales may be reviewed).
- PN116 Audit trail to be held of the request, request date, Shipper, and whether rejected or accepted, if rejected the rejection reason and if accepted, the date the response was issued.
- PN117 The record of the warrant from the consumer will be held by the Supplier/Shipper not xserve.

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6. Document Control

Version History

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