

UK Link Committee – Phase I

Introduction / Background:

At the UK Link Committee on 30th October Xoserve sought approval of the file formats associated with COR1154.15.1 [Phase I UK Link Programme – including the Nexus Requirements].

A control sheet was used to structure the approval process, and the outcome of the Phase I process¹ recorded by Xoserve within the spreadsheet. This updated control sheet is attached as Appendix A.

As part of the Phase I Approval process it was agreed that the various file products (i.e. hierarchies, file and record formats) would be published next as the Approved versions, so any amendments agreed through the representation and approval process would be updated in this version.

Where approvals were not obtained, in the absence of revised file formats Xoserve agreed to provide a further update with respect to deferred or rejected products. This document is intended to document any matters that were outstanding at the UK Link Committee on 30th October, or answers which were provided to Users within the meeting that required further consideration.

It is intended that Users consider this document in advance of the 11th December UK Link Committee so Users can assess the response provided to the outstanding matters. It is not intended to further debate the products that were deferred or rejected beyond the original reasons for the product not being approved.

It is hoped that this document will assist Users in seeking clarification from their relevant internal reviewers and will be used to structure an efficient UK Link Committee debate.

C41_AQ_CORRECTION, C42_AQ_CORRECTION_CANCELLATION – contained within the AQI file

Two business rules clarifications that were raised during the representation period were highlighted by Members:

1. Meter Serial Number - currently mandatory - potential that the AQ Correction file could be used for Greenfield meter points. Scenario to be clarified, as this could make MSN optional.
Xoserve response provided at 30th October UKLC – It was confirmed that the Correction record could be used to correct a Greenfield site where the AQ used at Meter Point creation was erroneous. It was confirmed that the Approved version would reflect the Meter Serial Number as Optional.
2. Rejected Read / Read Date - does the reading need to have been previously rejected on UK Link.
Xoserve response provided at 30th October UKLC – Xoserve confirmed that they would not be checking that the reading provided had previously been rejected. If a User performs the validations and identifies that the reading *would* have rejected, this reading could be used. To further clarify the field names will be modified to remove 'rejected' and the description updated to include a de-coded Request Reason i.e. 4 – Tolerance change

The UK Link Committee are asked to approve the above records based upon the clarifications above.

C43_AQ_CORRECTION, C45_AQ_CORRECTION_CANCELLATION – contained within the AQR file

These records reflect the input files above, C41 and C42, therefore the business rule clarifications above were also pertinent to these records.

¹ As a process improvement, Joint Office offered to record the outcome and include these within the papers for the meeting.

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Q44_CSEP_DETAILS – contained within a AQR (and other) files

A business rule clarification was raised during the UK Link Committee process by a Member:

1. Treatment of the 'RPC Rate' and how Xoserve were able to reflect this within the formats.
Xoserve response: 'RPC Rate' will be provided on the Q44 as provided to Xoserve from the IGT. This is a pass through from the IGT.

ASSET Dataset – contained within JOB and UPD files

The UK Link Members were asked to note one specific amendment as a result of representations:

1. The proposed asset class code of 'DRE' to indicate Derived Read Equipment will be amended to 'AMR' – i.e. Automated Meter Reading Equipment. DRE was intended to be used to indicate a class of reading equipment that could include AMR. The ASSET dataset will be issued as the approved version reflecting AMR as the new allowable value.

Users deferred approval of this change so that impact assessment could be undertaken.

The UK Link Committee are asked to approve the above records based upon the clarifications above.

M00_DAILY_DATALOGGER_READINGS – contained within the MDR file

Consensus could not be agreed at the Committee. Users asked two items to be noted in support of not approving this record:

1. The End Reading field had been removed. One User was concerned that this removal required further assessment of their systems to confirm that this removal could be accepted.
Xoserve Response: It was clarified during a previous walkthrough that the end reading was the same as the start reading and therefore seen as redundant and would not be provided. This concern was raised regarding a transfer and accepted as the read would be taken at 6am on the Gas Flow Day.

2. Tolerance Field within this record has different allowable values from a field of the same name in other records. Clarity regarding the usage of these fields is sought.

Xoserve response: This field provides the result of a tolerance check when applied to an Xoserve estimated read or a daily read provided by the DMSP
The tolerance field within the U01,U02 record provides the result of the tolerance check against a Shipper provided read and the allowable value is blank.

Allowable values differ as the U01,U02 record requires the User to confirm the read is correct by proving a Y. The User is accepting the tolerance failure

The M00,M03 record will provide confirmation of tolerance failure advising:

- Y – Tolernace Flag given within read
- O – Outside Inner Tolernace
- M – Over Market Breaker Tolerance

The UK Link Committee are asked to approve the above records based upon the clarifications above.

N90_ASSET_DETAILS / U06_METER_READ_INSTRUCTIONS Records – contained within the MRI and PAC files

The following business rule clarifications were raised during the UK Link Committee:

1. Question arising as to why the postcode was not provided in these records contrary to most other address files. Clarity was also sought with respect to the address detail that was

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populated, whether this was data related specifically to the location of meter, rather than an address for the premises.

Xoserve response: The N90 is an existing file and the address format has not been changed as part of this process, we are unable to confirm why the post code was not included within this file. The data relates to the Supply Meter Point Address.

The UK Link Committee are asked to approve the above records based upon the clarifications above.

K15_ADDTNL_MET_READ_INSTRCT / S98_SMART_DATA – contained within MRI and PAC files (and others).

No matters were recorded against these records.

S98 was approved as part of the Phase 3 approvals on 24th November.

The UK Link Committee are asked to approve the K15 record.

N99_MP_STATUS_CHANGE_NOTIFICATION – contained in the NMS file

The UK Link Members were asked to note one specific amendment as a result of representations:

1. The proposed allowable values for the Meter Point status were to be extended to include CA (capped) and CL (clamped).

The following business rule clarification was raised during the UK Link Committee:

2. Further detail requested regarding the use of the record within the context of the process.
Xoserve response: This file will be triggered following any amendment to the Meter Point Status. Currently a notification is not prompted at the point that changes are made to the Meter Point status by Xoserve or the Transporter.

A report is provided on a monthly basis to notify Users which of the Meter Points in their portfolio have been amended to a status of 'dead'. This file has been created as a result of a requirement identified in the Nexus Requirement phase and will replace the monthly report. Users were also advised that the Meter Point Status may be reverted to Live after it has been set to Dead. This is a change from the current process.

The UK Link Committee are asked to approve the above records.

**O15_SITE_VISIT_DETAILS / O17_ASSET_FAULT_DETAILS – contained in SFN File
O20_SITE_VISIT_READ_RESPONSE / RT_O22_ASSET_FAULT_RESPONSE – contained in SFR File)**

The UK Link Members highlighted the following question in the representation period:

1. Users requested that the design to use file interface and portal for specific Supply Point Classes was reconsidered. The design proposes that Class 2 information is provided via the UK Link Portal, whereas Class 3 and 4 is uploaded via file.

Xoserve response: Xoserve indicated that due to the time criticality for Class 1 and 2 the portal was developed to raise faults. As Class 3 and 4 are not time critical and due to the volumes a file was developed for the submission of a fault status. Unable to deliver portal & file for all Classes for October delivery, this requirement may be able to be considered for a later phase.

A consensus could not be obtained for approval.

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C52_SHIPPER_WARNING_NOTIFICATION – contained in the SWN file.

UK Link Members asked for deferral pending the iGT Walkthrough.

Following this having taken place on 25th November the UK Link Committee are asked to approve the above records.

U03_OPNG_UNBD_READ_NOTICE – contained in the URN file

A UK Link Member highlighted the following question in the representation period:

1. Users will be obliged to provide the Round the Clock count on opening reads, whereas currently they are unable to do so. The User acknowledged the last read is provided to the incoming Shipper, but question was raised with regards to the process as to when this read is issued, and what approach is taken if a subsequent reading is loaded by the outgoing. Is this notified to the incoming User?

Xoserve response: This read will be issued at D-2 via the Transfer of Ownership files. The outgoing Shipper can provide reads up to D-1 of the Transfer Date. If a subsequent reading is loaded by the outgoing Shipper the read will not be notified to the Incoming user. The read provided at D-2 is provided to aid validation of the transfer read.

UK Link Committee are asked to assess the clarifications provided within this document, and where applicable provide approval. Any approvals not obtained will be considered for escalation.

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