

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 07 December 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Antony Miller	(AM)	South Hook Gas
Brian McGlinchey	(BM)	Vermillion
Chimaobi Maduka	(CM)	Procode
Chris Wright	(CWrr)	Exxon Mobil
Christiania Sykes	(CS)	Shell
Conor McClarin	(CM)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
David Mitchell	(MD)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
Hannah Swindell	(HS)	Energy Security
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Joel Martin	(JM)	SGN
Julie Cox	(JCo)	Energy UK
Kathryne Adeseye	(KAd)	Xoserve
Kirsty Appleby	(KAp)	National Gas Transmission
Lauren Jauss	(LJa)	RWE
Mariachiara Zennaro	(MZ)	Centrica
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Matthew Atkinson	(MA)	National Gas Transmission
Mathew Chandy	(MC)	Ofgem
Matthew Newman	(MN)	National Gas Transmission
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Nigel Sisman	(NS)	Sisman Consultancy
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Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Gas Transmission
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Gas Transmission
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Stephen Huang	(SH)	Castel Commodities UK
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of minutes (02 November 2023)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

EF noted one late paper in support of an AOB item (7.2).

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

1002: Mercury Content - NGT (KAp) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment.

Update: An update will be provided in January or February. **Carried Forward.**

1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

An update was provided from the Ofgem Expected Decision Dates (EDD) publication timetable at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable> dated 14 November 2023 (see below table).

Modification	Estimated Decision Date
0808 - Reverse Compression	Implemented Date TBC
0823 - Amendment to the Allocation of Entry Capacity and Flow Quantities to Qualifying CNCCD Routes	Amended to 26 January 2024
0825 - Removal of the remaining Retrospective Asset, Address and Supply Point (RAASP) elements of the Retrospective Adjustment arrangements put in place under Modification 0434	Implemented Date TBC
0831/A - Allocation of LDZ UIG to Shippers Based on a Straight Throughput Method	TBC
0839 - Revision of the Modification Panel Membership Cessation Provisions	12 January 2024
0847 - Introduction of a Minimum General Non-Transmission Services Charge	31 May 2024
0855 - Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident	Amended 05 December 2023

1.5. Pre-Modification discussions

1.5.1. Enabling Biomethane Connections to the NTS

Kirsty Appleby (KAp) provided an update on allowing biomethane connections to the network and changing gas quality parameters.

KAp explained that Biomethane is a fuel which can improve the sustainability of the natural gas network and reduce GB's dependency on natural gas imports. At present, the maximum level of oxygen content that such sites may deliver into the NTS is limited by GS(M)R to 0.2mol%. The oxygen limits for most NTS entry points are more stringent, allowing up to 0.001mol%. National Gas Transmission (NGT) have several biomethane connection applications and has received requests for a higher oxygen limit of 1.0mol%. Therefore, NGT are in the initial stages of preparing evidence for the HSE to permit them to offer up to 1mol% oxygen limit on the NTS. NGT envisaged that the 1mol% oxygen would be applied on a case-by-case basis.

KAp highlighted that under the UNC, TPD, Section I, there is a requirement for NGT to consult with the industry if operators wish to make a change to Network Entry Provisions (which contain the gas quality limits). No transparency exists if NGT wishes to agree to 'non-standard' gas quality limits with new entry connections, this was recognised as a 'gap' in the GMaP² project that reviewed the UNC change processes in relation to gas quality.

NGT believe that planned approach to the oxygen limit creates a greater need to address this and therefore propose to progress a UNC Modification in parallel.

It was anticipated that the Modification will be raised in the new year.

2. **Transmission Horizon Plan**

Kirsty Appleby (KAp) provided the [National Gas Transmission Change Horizon plan](#) and the Gemini Sustain Plus program update.

KAp reported that the November Gemini Sustain Plus Focus Group was well attended with over 60 organisations attending. The session covered the user roles, APIs and a system demonstration. The presentation material from this session is available on the Gemini Sustain Plus website at: <https://www.xoserve.com/change/investment-change/gemini-changes-overview/gemini-sustain-plus>.

KAp encouraged participation in the next Focus Group on 22 January 2024 which will cover:

- Programme progress updates
- A walk-through of the Change Pack
- More detailed information on API Change
- The security framework
- Training update
- Q&A

3. **Overrun Update**

Update deferred.

4. **Changes to the Exit Capacity Release (ExCR) Methodology Statement**

Conor McClarin (CM) confirmed that NGT sent a message to the industry requesting any feedback on ExCR as National Gas Transmission proposed changes. NGT will be undertaking a formal consultation in the first half of next year for ExCR as required, with dates and details to be announced at a later stage.

5. **Workgroups**

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

5.1. **0835R - Review of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements**

(Report to Panel 21 March 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0835/071223>

5.2. **0852 - Shipper notification in relation to option exercise for Customer Demand Side Response**

(Report to Panel 18 January 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0852/051023>

5.3. **0854 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers**

(Report to Panel 18 January 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0854/051023>

6. **Issues**

No new issues have been identified.

7. **Any Other Business**

7.1. **Priority Consumers Update**

Phil Hobbins (PH) provided an update on the Gas Transporter's obligation to establish a priority customers list, i.e who would be the last to be told to cease taking gas in a Network emergency.

Ellie Rogers (ER) confirmed the list is in the form of a spreadsheet report titled the Priority Consumers Report.

PH provided an update on the 3 categories that the Transporters have to base the priority list on and presented a response to the questions raised at the Summer 2023 DSR Seminar.

For further information please refer to the [presentation published](#).

PH clarified that following the re-categorisation of priority customers, those previously on the priority list that now fall into category 3 have had their status 'grandfathered' (maintained). The Transporters have not instructed Xoserve to remove any sites from the priority list.

It was proposed that the Gas Transporters maintain the current list of Category C customers for this winter and write to Shippers to request a demonstration is provided by September 2024, that a sudden loss of gas supply would cause losses greater than 10% of the value of fixed business assets. Where such demonstration is not provided the Gas Transporter will instruct Xoserve to remove the site from the priority list.

7.2. RIIO-T3 Incentive Arrangements

PH provided a brief update on RIIO-T3 advising that the RIIO-T3 team are planning industry engagement which will commence in January 2024.

For contact details please refer to the [presentation slides published](#).

For more information on incentives and NGT's quarterly performance reports please refer to: [Gas Operator Incentives](#)

8. Diary Planning

EF welcomed participants to join future Transmission Workgroup meetings in Solihull offering a hybrid approach for physical and remote attendance. EF requested that participants inform the Joint Office if they intend to join the meetings in person to ensure access to the building.

Transmission meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX>

All other Joint Office events are available via: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 04 January 2024	5 pm Friday 22 December 2023	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda Proposed RIIO3 Position Including WGR conclusions for 0835R, 0852 and 0854 Two DSR Pre-Modifications
10:00 Thursday 01 February 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 January 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda EU Update
10:00 Thursday 07 March 2024	5 pm Wednesday 21 February 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 04 April 2024	5 pm Wednesday 27 March 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 02 May 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 April 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 06 June 2024	5 pm Wednesday 29 May 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 01 August 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 July 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 September 2024	5 pm Wednesday August 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 02 October 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 September 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 November 2024	5 pm Wednesday 30 October 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 December 2024	5 pm Wednesday 27 November 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

Transmission Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1002	05/10/23	5.1	<i>Mercury Content</i> - NGT (KA) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment	January	NGT (KA)	Carried Forward

UNC Workgroup 0835R Minutes
Review of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements
Thursday 05 October 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (05 October 2023)

Approved

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

No late papers.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

None to review

2.0 Progress Update

Phil Hobbins (PH) gave an update on the progress of the Demand Side Response (DSR) review reform for 2024-25 and the views from consumers.

PH outlined the potential new topics, which included:

- Aggregation (concept to allow for more volume)
- A multi-day DSR product
- A 24-hour DSR exercise
- Consumer DSR (exercise-only scheme)
- Extending the facility of Direct Contracting to Class 2 Sites

PH explained the concepts of each topic and how they could work. For full details please refer to the [supporting presentation published](#).

The proposal was to include aggregation in the 2024 reform scope, potentially a 24-hour DSR product and a Class 2 Direct Consumer Contracting.

PH hoped to conclude the Request Workgroup Report with a view to taking forward the three topics.

PH welcomed a discussion with the Workgroup on raising a new Modification for process enhancements and to progress the new topics in January 2024, with a view to consulting on the reforms in the Summer of 2024, and the options being made available from November 2024.

3.0 Next Steps

It was agreed to conclude the Request Workgroup in January.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

0835R meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0835>

All other Joint Office events are available via: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 04 January 2024	5 pm Friday 22 December 2023	Microsoft Teams	Conclusion of Request Workgroup Report

UNC Workgroup 0852S Minutes
Shipper notification in relation to option exercise for Customer
Demand Side Response
Thursday 07 December 2023
via Microsoft Teams

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Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
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1.1 Approval of Minutes (02 November 2023)

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1.2 Approval of late papers

None.

1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions

1101: NGT (MN) to consider the maximum number of notifications that could be supported by the control room.

Update: Mathew Newman (MN) confirmed discussions have been undertaken on the number of notifications that might be supported concluding that National Gas Transmission (NGT) could not support the Modification. Steve Mulinganie (SM) expressed disappointment that NGT has declared an inability to support between 1 and 12 communications, noting no evidence has been provided on the burden or impact. SM argued that some automation could be undertaken and that a phone call is not required and thus the process need not be onerous. SM confirmed that there was no prescriptive method for execution stated in the Proposal, this was left open to allow NGT to use the most efficient and effective method using whatever technology it chooses. SM also challenged that the Modification should be assessed on the impact it would have now, not what might happen in the future. It was agreed to capture opposing views from the Workgroup and conclude the Workgroup Report for submission to the UNC Panel. **Closed.**

2.0 Development of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup considered the appropriate governance route for the Modification noting that NGT has made a representation that the effect is material and should result in Authority Direction. The opposing views were captured in the workgroup report and Mathew Chandy (MC) confirmed that sufficient information was recorded there for Ofgem to come to a decision.

The Workgroup concluded the Workgroup Report for submission to the UNC Panel.

3.0 Next Steps

EF to finalise the Workgroup report and publish it. The Workgroup would have a place-hanger in the January agenda but would not be opened unless there are any late comments. Submission of the Workgroup Report to the January UNC Modification Panel.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

No further meetings planned (place-hanger only in January agenda)

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0852 Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1101	02/11/23	2.0	NGT to consider the maximum number of notifications that could be supported by the control room.	December 2023	National Gas (MN)	Closed

UNC Workgroup 0854 Minutes
Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of
Supplier Demand Event Triggers
Thursday 07 December 2023
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1.2 Approval of late papers

None.

1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions

1101: NGT (PL) to confirm if there will be an indemnity of actions as a consequence of NGT making an incorrect decision on issuing a Cessation Notice.

Update: Phil Lucas (PL) provided an update referring to UNC TPD Sections G4.8.9, V11.2, TPD V8.1.1(a), V8.1.3. For the detailed update please refer to the [Action Update Published](#). It was agreed to capture this within the Workgroup Assessment within Section 6.0 **Closed**.

2.0 Development of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup considered the Workgroup Report capturing views from the Workgroup, with a view to concluding the report in January.

The Cross Code Impacts and Panel Questions were considered.

The Workgroup considered if an IGT Modification would be required. It was suggested that the IGTs are approached to provide a view for the Workgroup Report.

Kathryne Adeseye (KAd) agreed to liaise with Anne Jackson, Gemserv, to understand the potential Retail Energy Code (REC) impacts and provide a response for inclusion within the Workgroup Report.

New Action 1201: Xoserve (KAd) to liaise internally with the CDSP Retail Energy Code (REC) Regulatory Change team for a written statement on why a REC Change is not required ahead of Modification 0854 implementation and provide a response for inclusion within the Workgroup Report.

Phil Lucas (PL) confirmed that the text provided was considered the final version. A review of the legal text was deferred until January.

3.0 Next Steps

Review of Legal Text and conclusion of Workgroup Report

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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10:00 Thursday 04 January 2024	5 pm Wednesday 22 December 2023	Microsoft Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Legal Text Conclusion of Workgroup Report

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Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1101	02/11/23	2.0	NGT (PL) to confirm if there will be an indemnity of actions as a consequence of NGT making an incorrect decision on issuing a Cessation Notice.	December 2023	National Gas (PL)	Closed
1201	07/12/23	2.0	Xoserve (KA) to liaise internally with the CDSP Retail Energy Code (REC) Regulatory Change team for a written statement on why a REC Change is not required ahead of Modification 0854 implementation, and provide a response for inclusion within the Workgroup Report.	January 2024	Xoserve (KA)	Pending