

Project Nexus AMR 13 Workgroup Minutes

Friday 15 October 2010

at the Holiday Inn, 61 Homer Road, Solihull

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
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotland Gas Networks
Lisa Harris	(LH)	Shell
Martin Brandt	(MB)	Scottish & Southern Energy
Michele Downes	(MD)	xoserve
Peter Thompson	(PT)	Customer Representative
Sean McGoldrick	(SMc)	National Grid NTS
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

1. Introduction

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of actions

Action AMR019: All Shippers to provide a view on which party should be tasked with collecting/holding data relating to reasons for resynchs.

Update: xoserve (MD) advised those present that this matter is subject to future reconciliation / resynchronisation discussions. When asked, those present agreed to carry forward the action until the group talks in more detail about resynchs.

Pending

Action AMR020: xoserve (FC) to prepare a revised Business Requirements Document for AMR Meter Reading document in time for the timely publication prior to the AMR13 meeting.

Update: Chair (BF) advised those present that this action would be 'covered' under item 2.1.2 below. When asked, those present agreed to close the action.

Closed

2. Scope and Deliverables

A copy of the various presentation materials are available to view &/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/030910>.

2.1 Further Consideration of Meter Reading Arrangements

2.1.1 PNUNC AMR Topic Workgroup Meeting 13 – Meter Reading presentation

xoserve (MD), provided a brief overview of the presentation. Members identified the following points of interest:

(please note: that at the same time as these discussions, TD made on screen changes to the appropriate paragraph within the Business Requirements Document)

Business Requirements document slide

In considering the agreed maximum number of replacement reads upto D+5, FC agreed to amend the document, in response to a point raised by Shell (LH), to also state that it will be on a per day basis.

Gazprom (SM) enquired as to how AMR had been defined in the context of this document to which National Grid Distribution (CW) suggested that the Code defines it as being remote read equipment, whilst SGN (JM) believed that the Code also defines AMR as being user daily read equipment. In response, FC indicated that she was unsure how to amend the document to cater for AMR at domestic sites, without impinging upon aspects of the Smart Metering regime – and does this mean therefore, that domestic sites with smart meters, should be out of scope?

Waters Wye (GE) voiced his concern that this would not adequately protect customer's interests, and instead would prefer to not have a specific business rule for this. SM pointed out that a Supplier's Licence obligations provide security from a customer's perspective. JM suggested that a lot depended on whether the role of the DCC is thin or thick. CW then pointed out those present, who then agreed that, the Code actually defines AMR as being electronic equipment.

When asked, parties agreed to not include definition of AMR within the document.

2.1.2 Business Requirements Document for AMR Meter Reading document discussions and review

xoserve (FC) provided an overview of the 'Business Requirements Document for AMR Meter Reading (v0.6 dated 07/10/10)' document.

Those parties present debated the document changes in great depth, and a selection of the main discussion points is provided below:

- CW raised concerns regarding the potential impacts on NDM Allocations. Agreed to capture potential impacts within the document.
- 2.5 – In Scope: iGT sites will be subject to the relevant Modifications and sites Out of Scope to be amended to any sites not mandated to go through the DCC;
- 3.5 – Does not necessarily need to be 'aligned' with SMIP, agreed to amend to 'consider'
- 5.1.4 - further and more detailed consideration required at next meeting;
- 5.1.5 - will need to also consider the possibility of provision of shipper's own estimates, which should also follow D-7 methodology;
- 5.1.5 - consensus was that D-7 methodology should apply to shipper & Transporter estimates;
- 5.1.5 – any 'backstop' estimate would be based on consumption, rather than an actual read;
- 5.1.8 – regardless of number of maximum read replacements, there could be additional communication transfer costs associated to this provision;

- 5.1.8 – building this level of complexity maybe unnecessary for what are really exceptions;
- 5.1.8 – remove any actual limits (number) of replacement reads
- 5.1.10 – to be considered in more detail at next meeting;
- 5.1.11 – 97.5% target would apply to either actual or estimated reads
- 5.1.11 – consensus was to ‘mirror’ existing (DME);
- 5.1.12 – consensus was to remove altogether;
- 5.2.5 – to be discussed in more detail at a later meeting;
- 5.2.9 – consensus was to treat as per 5.1.8;
- 5.2.11 - to be considered in more detail at next meeting;
- 5.2.12 – as per DM Elective incentives and it is 97% of reads on a daily basis;
- 5.3.3 – consideration to utilising energy allocation estimates to be undertaken in due course;

In concluding discussions at this point, several new actions were allocated and accepted, as outlined in 4.1 below and it was agreed to continue reviewing the document at the next meeting.

2.2 Ratchets & Reconciliation

BF advised that this item is to be discussed in due course.

2.3 Market Differentiation

BF advised that this item is to be discussed in due course.

2.4 Alignment of IRR Requirements

BF advised that this item is to be discussed in due course.

2.5 Transitional Arrangements

BF advised that this item is to be discussed in due course.

3. Workgroup Report

3.1 Preparation of Monthly/Final Report

BF advised that he would provide a verbal report in due course.

4. Workgroup Process

4.1 Agree actions to be completed ahead of the next meeting

BF provided a brief summary of the action items, as follows:

New Action AMR021: xoserve (FC) to update the Business Rules Document in line with suggested amendments in time for consideration at the next meeting.

New Action AMR022: Joint Office (MiB) to ensure that consideration of DM Read Validation Rules is added to the next meeting agenda.

New Action AMR023: Transporters (All) to consider appropriate ‘Must Read Frequencies’ in time for discussion at the next meeting.

New Action AMR024: xoserve (FC) to give specific consideration of how Roll-over read or volume options would work in respect of 5.2.13 and provide examples for presentation at the next meeting.

5. Diary Planning

The following meetings are scheduled to take place during October, November and December 2010:

Title	Date	Location
AMR WG14	01/11/2010	31 Homer Road, Solihull.
Workstream & AMR WG15	16/11/2010	31 Homer Road, Solihull.
Workstream (CANCELLED)	07/12/2010	ENA, Horseferry Road, London.
Workstream	10/12/2010	tbc.

6. Any Other Business

None.

Appendix 1

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
AMR019	17.08.10	2.1	Shippers to provide a view on which party should be tasked with collecting/holding data relating to reasons for resynchs.	All Shippers	Pending.
AMR020	29.09.10	2.1	Prepare a revised Business Requirements Document for AMR Meter Reading document in time for the timely publication prior to the AMR13 meeting.	xoserve (FC)	Update provided. Closed
AMR021	15.10.10	2.1	Update the Business Rules Document in line with suggested amendments in time for consideration at the next meeting.	xoserve (FC)	Update due at next meeting.
AMR022	15.10.10	2.1	Ensure that consideration of DM Read Validation Rules is added to the next meeting agenda.	Joint Office (MiB)	Update due at next meeting.
AMR023	15.10.10	2.1	Consider appropriate 'Must Read Frequencies' in time for discussion at the next meeting.	Transporters (All)	Update due at next meeting.
AMR024	15.10.10	2.1	Give specific consideration of how Roll-over read or volume options would work in respect of 5.2.13 and provide examples for presentation at the next meeting.	xoserve (FC)	Update due at next meeting.