

**UNC Workgroup 0472 Minutes**  
**Restricting the number of registration attempts by a supplier**  
**Thursday 26 June 2014**  
**at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London**  
**SW1P 2AF**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter*	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Good Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas UK)
Swetta Cooparmah	(SC)	British Gas

\* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 August 2014.

**1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions**

**1.1 Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**1.2 Actions**

No outstanding actions to consider.

**2.0 Consideration of Legal Text**

The Workgroup considered the provided legal text during discussions of item 3.0 below.

**3.0 Workgroup Report**

The Workgroup undertook an onscreen review of the draft Workgroup Report (v0.3, dated 26 June 2014) during which the main focus of attention was on the User Pays table on page 5 whereupon DA provided an overview of the suggested changes that he had sent to the Proposer (EH) prior to the meeting.

When asked, DA confirmed that there would be some service schedule changes required to accommodate the modification requirements. With regard to potential 'banding breaches', BF enquired whether User would be able to pay any additional charges, or alternatively would the contracts need to be amended or banding changed. Responding, DA pointed out that Xoserve endeavours to provide an early indication of any potential banding breaches and historically, they have adopted a flexible approach in dealing with these matters.

In explaining that Non Code User Pays are governed under the auspices of the User Pays Committee, BF advised that Transporters Agency has been requested to provide an amended Non Code User Pays statement.

Whilst considering what happens where multiple parties attempt to amend the same site's information, DA provided a brief explanation of how the process works and confirmed that whilst Xoserve can identify the parties involved, they can only provide the information where any breach complies with the modification's criteria ie more than 5 per individual Shipper. CW pointed out that nothing in the modification compels the Shippers to open a dialogue with other parties, it just provides them with the option to do so, should they wish to.

Moving on to consider the Relevant Objectives, some parties present questioned the value of retaining reference to objective d) with the conclusion being, to retain references to both d) and f) although the overall consensus favoured f).

During a review of the legal text, and in particular, the proposed three consecutive calendar months timeline provided for in new paragraph 2.8.9(a) it was suggested that being able to go back more than three months may prove beneficial although it was recognised that the service schedule may also need to be amended to specify a range of prospective dates.

EH advised that in his view the text should be 'prospective' and not 'retrospective' in its intent. CW advised that he would discuss the matter with EH with a view to amending the modification (to include a date for when the modification commences and changes to the business rules and User Pays aspects) and legal text in due course. EH indicated that he would look to submit an amended modification by close of play on Friday 27 June, if possible.

BF provided a brief explanation of the potential modification timeline explaining that (subject to being granted Self Governance status) the modification could be issued to Consultation at the July Panel meeting and expected to return to the August Panel for consideration. AR suggested that as the modification is essentially looking to provide for a 'look back date', then the effective implementation date could easily be 06:00hrs on 01 September 2014, although not any earlier as this would not allow sufficient time for parties to amend their current processes.

Concluding discussions, the Workgroup members present indicated that they would be happy for the Joint Office to amend the Workgroup Report once an amended modification and accompanying legal text had been provided and for the WGR to recommend that the 17 July 2014 Panel reconsiders Self Governance status for the modification and that it should thereafter be issued to Consultation.

It was suggested that should anyone raise any concerns with the published WGR prior to it going to the July Panel, it could always be removed from the Panel agenda to enable the Workgroup to undertake further consideration.

#### **4.0 Any Other Business**

None.

#### **5.0 Diary Planning**

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No further meetings of the Workgroup are planned at this time.