

UNC Workgroup 0516 Minutes
Information provision by large Customers to aid understanding of
site characteristics

Thursday 22 January 2015
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

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| Bob Fletcher (Chair) | (BF) | Joint Office |
| Helen Cuin (Secretary) | (HCu) | Joint Office |
| Alex Ross-Shaw | (ARS) | Northern Gas Networks |
| Andrew Margan* | (AM) | British Gas |
| Bethen Winter | (BW) | Wales & West Utilities |
| Chris Warner | (CW) | National Grid Distribution |
| Colette Baldwin | (CB) | E.ON UK |
| David Mitchell | (DM) | Scotia Gas Networks |
| Gareth Evans* | (GE) | WatersWye |
| Hayley Burden | (HB) | National Grid NTS |
| Hilary Chapman | (HCh) | Xoserve |
| Kirandeep Samra | (KS) | Npower |
| Kirsten Elliott-Smith | (KES) | Cornwall Energy |
| Lorna Lewin | (LL) | DONG Energy |
| Mark Jones | (MJ) | SSE |
| Rob Johnson | (RJ) | Wingas |
| Shiv Singh | (SS) | National Grid Distribution |
| Steve Mulinganie* | (SM) | Gazprom |

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0516/220115>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel on 19 February 2015.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

Minutes approved.

1.2. Actions

Action 1201: CW to provide a Transporter view on the central management of the register as a User Pays service.

Update: CW advised that discussions have taken place with regards to the cost of maintaining a central register with Xoserve. However, RJ challenged the need for a central register. BW confirmed WWU's preference for Xoserve to maintain a central register; National Grid Distribution implied that Transporters could maintain individual registers. RJ explained that the requirement to hold a central register had been removed from the modification. **Complete**

2.0 Workgroup Report

RJ confirmed that the modification's business rules had been amended in particular the submission process. The modification previously allowed submissions to join the register at any point in the year giving 90 days to respond but this created a 3 month grey area if it

took the full 90 days to register. The modification has now changed for parties to join the register for the next gas year. It also stipulates the period where requests will be accepting ie. 120 calendar days before the end of the gas year.

BF asked the Workgroup for a view on the implementation date. It was agreed implementation should coincide with Project Nexus on 01 October 2015.

The Workgroup considered the relevant objectives and whether to refer to the licence agreement to add clarity. CW was unsure if this was a licence obligation or legislative requirements (Gas Safety Regulations).

Action 0101: National Grid to consider which of the relevant objectives is applicable to the modification and any supportive evidence for legislative requirements.

2.1. Consideration of User Pays

Some participants considered if the DNs wish to procure Xoserve to provide a service for maintaining a register, this would be the choice of the DN, this was not a specific element of the modification. Therefore, if such an agreement was entered into the cost of doing this should not be borne by Shippers.

The Workgroup considered whether this was a User Pays service. Some were of the view there was no need for this to be a centralised service, so it would not generate a User Pays cost.

2.2. Consideration of Legal Text

The Workgroup considered the provided Legal Text and comments / links to the appropriate business rules.

DM explained that this was a new section to be inserted into the UNC. It was agreed that SGN would provide a plain English legal text commentary ahead of the next Workgroup meeting.

2.3. Completion of Workgroup Report

It is intended to conclude the Workgroup Report on 26 February 2015.

3.0 Next Steps

BF advised that a formal request for Legal text and commentary would be made at the February Panel meeting to enable the Workgroup Report to be finalised.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

| Time / Date | Venue | Workgroup Programme |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 26 February 2015 | 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of Legal Text • Completion of Workgroup Report |

Action Table

| Action Ref | Meeting Date | Minute Ref | Action | Owner | Status Update |
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| 1201 | 12/12/14 | 2.3 | CW to provide a Transporter view on the central management of the register as a User Pays service. | National Grid Distribution (CW) | Complete |
| 0101 | 22/01/15 | 2.0 | National Grid to consider which of the relevant objectives is applicable to the modification and any supportive evidence if there are legislative requirements. | National Grid Distribution (SS) | Pending |