

**UNC Workgroup 0523S Minutes**  
**Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of ‘faster switching’ for**  
**Shared Supply Meter Points**  
**Thursday 26 February 2015**  
**at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw*	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	WatersWye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Kirandeep Samra*	(KS)	Npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas UK
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

\* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel on 21 May 2015.

**1.0 Outline of Modification**

In providing an onscreen review and summary of the modification, CW explained that the modification seeks to bring Shipper User transfer timescales (inc. alignment of calendar days etc.) for Shared Supply Meter Points inline with the provisions for all other Supply Points, set out in UNC Modification 0477 ‘Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of Faster Switching’.

**2.0 Initial Discussion**

When SM raised a concern relating to what would be expected to happen in the event that ‘unique sites’ were not part of the Project Nexus Day 1 world, CW acknowledged the concerns before pointing out that the modification could only be developed based on the assumption that the 01 October 2015 implementation date is feasible.

When asked, DA explained that the modification envisages that certain aspects relating to the sharing of the SMPs information would be addressed via an email based mechanism, rather than standard industry flow processes, although the transfer process itself would remain outside of this remit. He pointed out that any timescales are minimum timescales and email requires a two (2) day window for facilitation purposes. He also suggested that as these are minimum timescales, if parties wished to take a little longer, they could.

When asked what the real driver behind raising the modification was, CW explained that the modification assumes that current 'up front' processes would remain 'as-are', and pointed out that the modification simply seeks to align the date provisions for all classes under UNC, and the implementation of Project Nexus facilitated this aim.

### 2.1. Initial Representations

None raised.

### 2.2. Issues and Questions from Panel

BF highlighted that at the February Panel, C Alexander the Consumer Representative had taken a particular interest in the modification and had challenged why this type of consumer had been excluded from faster switching with earlier modifications. CW advised that unique sites are currently managed offline and as most if not all were subject to individual contract discussions, the aim was to allow faster switching as a systems development opportunity – consumers would still be tied in to their normal contractual renewal process and timeline.

In noting that at the February Panel meeting it was stated that domestic sites are not excluded, there were no specific questions posed by the Panel members for the Workgroup to consider.

### 3.0 Next Steps

During a brief discussion, CW agreed to look to provide legal text for consideration at the 26 March 2015 meeting.

Thereafter, the consensus of those in attendance was to look to complete the Workgroup Report at the March meeting.

### 4.0 Any Other Business

None.

### 5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 26 March 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	Standard Workgroup agenda plus: Consideration of Legal Text Development/Completion of Workgroup Report