

**UNC Workgroup 0531 Minutes
Provision and Development of Industry Testing Prior to Nexus
Go-live**

Wednesday 25 March 2015

31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Edward Hunter	(EH)	npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Karen Visgarda	(KV)	Joint Office
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	First Utility
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michelle Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE npower
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping Services
Rachel Duke*	(RD)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0531/250315>

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

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

0301: Xoserve to clarify the availability of the Project Nexus test environment post Nexus.

Update: DA confirmed that Xoserve have met with SSE to establish the requirements under Modification 0531. **Carried Forward.**

2.0 Amended Modification

MJ confirmed that SSE had met with a number of parties and there are still concerns to be considered with regards to the Xoserve's test strategy not being an industry test strategy. MJ expressed there is concern about the lack of clarity and the lack of certainty. He explained the severity of some errors may be small to Xoserve but may have a much more significant impact to Shippers and this isn't recognised in the test strategy.

MJ acknowledged that relevant parties still need to consider the issues. He recognised that since the modification was raised there has been some changes and subsequently

the modification may need to be amended to focus on the remaining areas of concern or withdrawn if all the issues are addressed.

It was suggested that Users should submit their plans for market testing and their ability to manage volumes to Xoserve. MJ suggested all parties' testing schedules might wish to be considered. However, DA was concerned about Xoserve considering all parties' testing plans as they do not have sufficient knowledge of other parties systems to undertake this role.

MJ expressed the preference for a live environment to be made available post Project Nexus implementation to conduct testing, particularly for new entrants.

DA explained that unless there is a four-month period after implementation to have a testing environment available, taking into account the possible deferral of retrospective adjustments and the testing environment for this, it is planned for the bulk of the testing environment to be withdrawn or used for other purposes. He reiterated that a testing environment would still need to be made available if retrospection is delayed.

SM challenged the need for this modification when the test environment is not limited by UNC or limited by allowed revenues for Project Nexus. He enquired where it had been explicitly stated that the test environment was to be switched off or not provided in the Nexus modifications. He realised this modification had been raised to allow a debate but it was unclear if the modification was actually required. DA suggested the cost of providing a test environment would need to be taken into account if there was a User Pays element involved for example in a Class 3 change.

DA acknowledged that Xoserve need to fully understand the concerns to establish the full requirements. MJ confirmed he will continue to work with Xoserve offline to establish a plan of action and to further understand Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC's) role, bearing in mind testing will need to start in June. It may be necessary to adapt the modification to keep the environment live following Project Nexus implementation.

DA confirmed Xoserve will need to establish the requirements and consider the options that may be available.

SM was keen to have an answer from Xoserve on the the testing environment to make sure there is adequate time to test systems.

The Workgroup agreed to reconsider the requirements on 07 April 2015.

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup Report was deferred.

4.0 Next Steps

SSE to further consider any modification amendments.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 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
10:30 Wednesday 07 April 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	03/03/15	2.0	Xoserve to clarify the availability of the Project Nexus test environment post Nexus.	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward