

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

Tuesday 08 December 2015

31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Blanka Caen	(BC)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	First Utility
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE npower
Naomi Nathanael*	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Paul Carmen*	(PC)	Scottish Power
Rachel Duke*	(RD)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Sue Cropper	(SC)	British Gas

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0531/081215>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 February 2016.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (10 November 2015)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

1101: SSE to consider the complexity of offering a test facility to more than one party rather than blocking testing for others if test environment being used (partitioning to be considered)

Update: MJ confirmed that discussions have taken place with Xoserve. He clarified that SSE are currently considering whether to amend or withdraw the modification. If the modification is amended the intention will be to provide a testing environment for future system releases post Nexus implementation. **Closed.**

2.0 Modification amendment

SM confirmed that if SSE withdraws the modification Gazprom would raise a similar modification as they had significant concerns about readiness and that testing should be available before and after go live.

MJ explained that since raising the modification there have been further developments and considerations made regarding testing environments and SSE firstly wished to

understand what Xoserve's intentions are for post Nexus development releases. As plans are changing he didn't want a modification that cuts across Xoserve's plans.

SM was keen to understand the enduring arrangements from Xoserve; he would like to see firm assurance provided before a decision to withdraw the modification was made. MJ explained that SSE is waiting for confirmation from Xoserve on what the plans are for future testing environments.

SM however was concerned with the potential timing out of this modification by waiting for options to be provided.

DA believed from a testing perspective, there might be a requirement for two testing environments. One, for parties to test adhoc changes and another for market testing, with planned test phases for future system releases.

SM suggested the industry would want a Nexus post go live test environment to support business as usual i.e. testing file flows and future changes.

DA believed if a modification were required this would be to amend Section U to incorporate a testing environment or allow the waiving of the requirement. He perceived the testing environment would be incorporated as part of the implementation of system changes, with approval for its use dependent on that change.

DA clarified that wholesale market testing environment required for Project Nexus implementation was not expected to be made available as an environment post Nexus, it is scheduled to be withdrawn for utilisation in some other capacity.

BC enquired about the concerns being raised within the Project Nexus Market Trials Workgroup, the availability of test environments and possible overlapping of MTT and UAT. MJ also asked about testing RAASP, DA believed RAASP testing would be made available as it was still in scope.

SM confirmed the requirements for adhoc end-to-end commercial market testing, and the requirement for an enduring testing environment for future changes. He clarified that Shippers will want a test environment available for when they consider migrating large numbers of meter points from Class 4 to Class 3.

He asked Xoserve to clarify before the next Workgroup Meeting what the intentions will be for testing systems, to allow the industry to assess the requirement for a modification and bridge any perceived gaps before it was too late. DA agreed to provide a response and this would be published and communicated via the Joint Office.

Action 1201: Xoserve to clarify the intended provision of system test environments (to be published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus)

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Deferred.

4.0 Consideration of draft Modification

Deferred

5.0 Next Steps

0531 Modification to be formally amended with further consideration on the requirement for an additional modification.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 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
Tuesday 12 January 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Review Modification Amendments Review Legal Text Development of Workgroup Report
Tuesday 09 February 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Conclude Workgroup Report

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	10/11/15	2.0	SSE to consider the complexity of offering a test facility to more than one party rather than blocking testing for others if test environment being used (partitioning to be considered)	SSE (MJ)	Closed
1201	08/12/15	2.0	Xoserve to clarify the intended provision of system text environments (to be published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus)	Xoserve (DA)	Pending