

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

Tuesday 12 January 2016

31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Angela Love*	(AL)	Scottish Power
Blanka Caen	(BC)	British Gas
Carl Whitehouse	(CWh)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Debbie Mulinganie*	(DM)	BP
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	WatersWye
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
Jamie Simpson*	(JS)	RWE npower
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin*	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE npower
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/0531/120116>

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 (08 December 2015)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

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

Update: DA confirmed that Xoserve's future release strategy would be to offer and provide system test environments for system changes going forward. He clarified as there is a move towards release management strategy, one of the requirements of the modification development will be for system modifications to be assessed and tested as part of the implementation plan. Xoserve will therefore offer testing prior to release for all changes. SP enquired about other system changes that may not be driven by a UNC modification. DA confirmed in principal any UK Link changes would still require testing and other changes would have an opportunity to build in the necessary testing. The only caveat, DA provided was for P1s, which are normally undertaken without testing. **Closed.**

2.0 Modification amendment

MJ explained that the modification would be amended to allow system testing for Nexus system fixes and to ensure the test testing environment is not closed following L3 and L4 testing. SM expressed concerned about the delivery of a testing environment and that Xoserve may need some development time. He asked if the option would be to leave the testing environments open after L3/L4 testing was completed.

DA anticipated that the existing testing environment plan, which is due to be unavailable after L3/L4, remains unchanged. However, further clarity would be sought as to whether the closing down of the testing environment, can be avoided.

SM enquired if a modification would be required to prevent the closure of the test environment as he was concerned that this modification may time out for pre Nexus implementation. He challenged what the clear driver was to close the testing environment.

DA confirmed that the Project Nexus Steering Group have briefly considered the testing timelines. It was suggested that a modification might not be required to prevent the closure of the testing environment as testing is currently silent in UNC. However, DA believed it would be helpful to keep the modification live in consideration that it was reasonable to have the modification to focus discussions. SM suggested a new Urgent modification might be required due to the tight timescales.

Action 0101: Xoserve to clarify the plans for the existing test environment following L3/L4 implementation.

SSE and Xoserve agreed to continue an exchange to develop the modification and solution for further consideration at the February meeting.

3.0 Review Legal Text

Deferred

4.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Deferred

5.0 Next Steps

Extension to Workgroup Report date to be requested from Panel and the modification to be formally amended for further consideration in February.

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 09 February 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Review Modification Amendments Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table

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1201	08/12/15	2.0	Xoserve to clarify the intended provision of system test environments (to be published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus)	Xoserve (DA)	Closed
0101	12/02/16	2.0	Xoserve to clarify the plans for the existing test environment following L3/L4 implementation.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending