UNC Workgroup 0532 Minutes Implementation of Non Effective Days (Project Nexus transitional modification)

Tuesday 10 November 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
Bobbie Gallacher*	(BG)	Scottish Power
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
James Hill	(JH)	EDF Energy
Jaimie Simpson*	(JS)	GDF Suez Energy
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	First Utility
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/0532/101115

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 December 2015.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved

1.2. Actions

1001: Xoserve to provide a list of impacted processes, including a UNC reference and high-level summary

Update: See item 2.0. Closed.

2.0 Review of the implementation impacts

BF summarised the list of published documents for consideration at todays meeting. These included a further draft amended modification, the legal text assessment, the draft modification report and a UK Link suspension of liabilities presentation update, which is intended to be provided at UK Link on Thursday 12 November.

DA provided a summary of the proposed changes to the modification, which would require formal amendment.

DA explained the intention to suspend liabilities for the non-effective days and that this will be discussed at the UK Link Committee as they had the authority to suspend liabilities in such circumstances.

DA provided a summary of the legal text impacts, with a link to the UNC Section and a high level plain English summary of the processes impacted, e.g. nominations reduced from 5 to 3 days. It was suggested that the legal text assessment might wish to be included with the Workgroup Report or published along the report as a supporting document.

The Workgroup considered the sequence of files and any change in design. There was some concern with roll over limits and no restrictions on volume rates. SC expressed a concern about processing 7 days of meter reading updates and the capability of the system to cope with the anticipated volume. BC challenged the sizing of the system and whether the system would want to be configured for potential maximum on day one as this is likely to be the busiest submission day for at least two years. DA did not anticipate any concerns with managing the potential reads. SC highlighted that Xoserve would also need to be able to process the iGT read volumes for a similar period.

MJ explained there may be an incentive for Shippers to submit reads 25 days prior to the go-live date, to optimise their rolling AQ positions.

BC enquired about the contingency arrangements for the system, such as allowing for back-ups or reinstating certain aspects where there is a failure. ES explained that this was raised at the Transitional Workshop. These are being considered and a response to these concerns will be provided.

SC expressed a concern about processing 7 days worth of data without any knowledge of the Shipper's ability to catch-up with processing. BC explained that if Shippers hold back reads this would compound system volumes.

DA confirmed that the iGTs have raised Modification-082 to add an additional day to the anticipated 6 days so all parties will have to cater for 7 non-effective days.

CW explained that lawyers had not started work on the legal text. He believed it would be prudent to request an extension to allow the provision and consideration of the Legal Text. However SM challenged the delay and why there may be a problem providing legal text for the next meeting.

The Workgroup discussed concluding the Workgroup Report required for the UNC Panel on 17 December 2015. It was anticipated the Workgroup Report could be concluded at the next meeting if Legal Text was available. A consensus could not be reached on whether the Workgroup Report would be concluded at the December meeting.

3.0 Next Steps

BF suggested a formal request for Legal text is made at November Panel meeting. The Workgroup anticipated concluding the Workgroup Report if the Legal Text was provided in time for the Workgroup Meeting. If the Workgroup Report could not be concluded an extension would be requested.

4.0 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 08 December 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Consider Legal Text Conclude Workgroup Report

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1001	13/10/15	2.0	Xoserve to provide a list of impacted processes, including a UNC reference and high-level summary	Xoserve (DA)	Closed