

UNC Workgroup 0594R Minutes
Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering
Thursday 24 November 2016
Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Gavin Anderson*	(GA)	EDF Energy
John Welch	(JW)	RWE npower
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Flow Energy
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0594/241116>

The Workgroup is due to make its report to the UNC Modification Panel on 19 January 2017.

1. Review of Minutes (27 October 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Review of Action(s) Outstanding

1001: Ofgem (JD) and Xoserve (RH) to confirm the validity of the AMR/SMART reading volumetric predictions and the potential impacts on system capability.

Update: RH confirmed that discussions had taken place with JD; the information was deemed to be of a commercially sensitive nature and may not be published. This action was agreed closed. **Closed**

3. Discussion (Issues, Options, Way Forward)

SM observed that since the raising of the Request and the formation of this Workgroup the Competition Market Authority (CMA) has issued its Settlement Order, which proposes to mandate the provision of daily reads provided monthly for all Advanced and Smart metering.

In the meantime, SM had provided a draft paper for information, setting out the options and the issues identified to date, and some potential benefits. The paper noted other points in respect of potential arrangements and possible impacts (positive/negative) on wider industry areas. SM outlined the content, explaining that this was an initial view on what might be applied/considered should the CMA proposals not be implemented.

If the CMA proposals are implemented as drafted then SM believed that this Workgroup would be redundant and the Request would need to be withdrawn. The position might be clearer by the time of the next meeting in December.

SM confirmed that Gazprom was not likely to raise any UNC modifications to take forward CMA proposals.

4. Next Steps

The continuation or cessation of this review will be reassessed at next meeting in December (assuming the direction on the CMA's Settlement Order proposals to have become more evident in the interim). Further information will be awaited before proceeding any further.

Depending on the outcome:

- The Proposer to consider formal withdrawal of the Request; or
- The Workgroup Report to be developed/completed.

5. 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, Thursday 22 December 2016	Exelon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	• See 4, above.

Action Table (27 October 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1001	27/10/16	2.3	To confirm the validity of the AMR/SMART reading volumetric predictions and the potential impacts on system capability.	Ofgem (JD) and Xoserve (RH)	Closed