

UNC Workgroup 0604S Minutes
Central Data Services Provider – Arrangements following
implementation of Project Nexus
Friday 06 January 2017
at Dentons, One Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RA

Attendees

Andrew Meaden	(AMe)	Dentons
Andy Miller	(AMi)	Xoserve
Azeem Khan*	(AK)	RWE npower
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Charles Ruffell*	(CR)	RWE
Chris Warner	(CWa)	National Grid Gas Distribution
Clare Cantle-Jones	(CCJ)	SSE
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
David Tennant	(DT)	Dentons
Gethyn Howard	(GH)	Brookfield Utilities
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Kishan Nundloll*	(KN)	ES Pipelines
Naomi Nathanael*	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sue Hilbourne	(SH)	Scotia Gas Networks

*via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 March 2017.

1.0 Outline of Modification

CWa introduced the modification and explained the Panel had agreed that this modification should have a self-governance status. He then drew attention to the Solution Section and explained this would be updated once Ofgem had signed off the Licence Changes. He also said that these changes would be minimal, however they would ensure they would correspond with Project Nexus which is due to be implemented on 01 June 2017. He further explained that 3 further 'Project Nexus Sweep Up' modifications were in the process of being raised and that these would be submitted to the January Panel.

AMi explained that he was in the process of writing the Service Line amendments to meet the requirements of Modification 0604S text, and that some further minimal amendments would be needed after 01 June 2017. However, he stressed these would only be from an administration perspective and that the actual Service Lines themselves, would not be changed or altered in anyway. He anticipated the DSC committees managing changes to the service lines through the DSC change process. CB agreed with this view, while noting that modifications may be required should the changes to the Service Lines be considered material.

DT moved on to introduce the Legal Text for Modification 0604S, explaining that in some specific areas it had been amended to make it compatible with the Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) requirements. He further explained that the specific amendments were due to various modifications being implemented after the approval of the Project Nexus Modifications:- 0432, 0434 and 0440. He then advised that the text would then need to be

reviewed and relevant changes made, due to the likely implementation of one of Modifications 0565/A/B.

DT then overviewed the specific documents as listed below:-

Modification 0604 – Legal Text – change marked

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Legal Text Changes to the Uniform Network Code

DT introduced the document and provided a high-level overview explaining that there had been some minimal word alterations in TPD Section V. RP asked if any changes had been taken into consideration regarding Modification 0596? DT explained that this Modification was currently being considered by Ofgem, and that these changes would be included once these had been approved for implementation by Ofgem, along with any associated Licence Changes.

SH said that on reading the Legal Text she felt some of the proposed changes that had been submitted by Scotia Gas Networks in August 2016, had not been incorporated into this document. DT said he would re-visit the document and the proposed changes, in order to undertake a 'like for like' exercise, to check which were relevant to FGO and Post Nexus, respectively.

TPD Section E – Post Nexus Version – change marked

DT moved on to overview the TPD Section E- Post Nexus Version documentation and explained that this had been compiled from the Nexus Text and had then been tailored to make it FGO applicable.

TPD Section E – Post Nexus – change marked

Section E – Daily Quantities, Imbalances and Reconciliation

DT moved through the document drawing attention to specific areas of interest in relation to amendments or additions, these included:-

Section 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8, 1.3.9, and 1.3.10 and explained that this section still needed to be sensed checked with Xoserve (AMi) regarding the correct terminology and context. CB wanted to know what would happen in relation to the proposed Nexus 'Sweep Up' modifications. CWA explained that these would not be implemented until 01 June 2017 and these would be raised under different modifications and that these were being raised in time for the January Panel. He agreed that this process would be slightly un-tidy as the modifications will be making amendments in some cases to the same sections of UNC. However, parallel development was the only way forward in relation to this process due to the time constraints.

DT continued to 'step through' the document reiterating that many of changes had been brought about due to the implementation of Modifications 0489, 0559 and 0565.

In relation to point 1.14.1 CDSP Functions, *Direct Functions of the CDSP to support implementation of Section E are appointing and managing the AUG Expert*. CB said she did not like the word 'managing' and wanted to know what was meant by that. AMi said it was in relation to the AUG process and AUGE, as it merely set out the overall process in relation to the contracting of the AUGE. DT confirmed he would amend the wording in this section to provide greater clarification.

DT then moved on through the document drawing attention to *6.7 Retrospective Data Update; Offtake Reconciliation*, and explained that this was an addition relating to Modification 0451V and that this section still needed to be sensed checked by Xoserve (AMi) together with point 6.8.5 on Meter Readings.

In relation to Point 6.9 regarding *Pre Payment and Smart Meters*, DT explained that this point had been taken out due to Modification 0451(V), but that he thought perhaps this needed

greater discussion and clarification. CWa agreed and said he would discuss this matter directly with Scotia Gas Networks to confirm.

New Action 0101: National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa) to discuss with Scotia Gas Networks the current status of Modification 0451(V) in relation to point 6.9 in Section E – Daily Quantities, Imbalances and Reconciliation.

DT then overviewed the remaining areas of the document and there was a general discussion as to what would be the most simplistic way to show the new additions and amendments for the meetings to be held on 16 and 31 January 2017. CWa said he would discuss this with DT and devise a colour-coded format to show only the FGO changes.

New Action 0102: National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa) to discuss with Dentons (DT) the most appropriate way to show the updated FGO changes in the documents in readiness for 16 January and 31 January 2017 meetings.

TPD Section G – Post Nexus – Change marked

Section G – Supply Points

DT moved through the document drawing attention to various minor amendments, which were in relation to the changes required to the Legal Text owing to the implementation of the following Modifications:- 0463, 0445, 0455, 0458, 0472 0477, 0489, 0503, 0558 and 0565. He explained the changes were minimal word alterations or amendments only.

TPD Section H – (Post Nexus based on Modification 0440 – Change marked

Section H – Demand Estimation and Demand Forecasting

DT overviewed the changes and explained that the majority of the changes had been driven by the implementation of Modification 0489. He said these were very minor amendments and in most cases, were a word change only from *User* to *Party* and from *Transporter* to *CDSP*.

TPD Section M – (Post Nexus Change marked)

Section M – Supply Point Metering

DT overviewed the changes in the Legal Text and explained the changes had been driven by the implementation of the following Modifications. 0434, 0455, 0466, 0503, 0565, 0567.

He drew specific attention to point 5.9 Cyclic Reading: Class 4 Supply Meters, and section 5.9.6 .Where: (a) a User submits to the Transporter any Meter Reading in respect of a Class 4 Supply Meter in respect of which the requirement in paragraph 5.9.4 is not complied with; and (b) it is feasible for the Transporter to accept such Meter Reading and in the Transporter's reasonable opinion the circumstances make it appropriate that it should do so; and (c) if the number of such Meter Readings submitted on a Day exceeds 1% of the total number of Meter Readings for Class 4 Supply Meters submitted by the User on the Day, the User has first requested the Transporter to do so the Transporter will accept such Meter Reading.

DT said that the 5.9.6 clause as detailed above, had been deleted in July last year and hence was shown in red in the Legal Text, but that he felt clarification was required as to why it was deleted and confirmation that it was not still required. CWa agreed this was an important point and he said he would investigate this matter further.

New Action 0103: National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa) to investigate why point 5.9.6 in Section M – Supply Point Metering was deleted and supply confirmation if this was still required.

DT then continued to overview the remaining sections of the document.

Modification Rules (Post Nexus – Change marked)

AMe provided a high-level overview of the amendments to the Modification Rules, and he explained these had been necessary due to the implementation of a number of modifications. He said that these changes were subject to further review by Xoserve and that the mark ups

showed the FGO changes to Modification 0440 drafting, as well as a limited number of changes made by modifications to the section made after the Nexus drafting was prepared. He then proceeded to move through the document drawing attention to the sections that had been amended accordingly.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised and not addressed in this meeting.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received and not addressed in this meeting.

2.3. Terms of Reference

The standard UNC Workgroup Terms of Reference will apply and is available at <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods>

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that National Grid Gas Distribution and Dentons needed to ensure all the relevant changes were updated and confirmed.

CWa said that National Grid Gas Distribution and Xoserve (AMi) needed more time regarding updating the Service Lines, and these were part of the Critical Path. CWa said although Section G was complete and Section M was in working draft format, some other questions still remained. BF said an extension could be requested from Panel for March, in addition, he said all the UNC related documents needed to be finalised as they would be sent to the March UNCC for approval.

4.0 Any Other Business

AMi wanted to raise the topic regarding the Service Lines. He explained that there were currently two sets of changes in relation to Modification 0565 and from the Nexus application administration aspect. He wanted to propose using the Contract Managers Meetings in March and April to go through the specific documents and he stressed these changes would only be from an administrative angle only.

BF said that if any changes were required then a modification would have to be raised, if anyone objected to the changes that were being proposed. A short general discussion took place and it was agreed that in March the meetings would be 'formal' as the election process would then be complete from the Committee perspective and that the Credit Committee was going to be discussed in the next FGO meeting on 16 January 2017.

AMi then raised another area in relation to the way in which the Service Lines were being written. He said that he was adding in '*Effective from and To Date*' in order to make the process easier for the future. He said this was specifically regarding the Seasonal Adjustment and other Service Lines, where a specific 'effective from and to date' would aid clarity. He wanted the Workgroup to consider this proposal and provide feedback.

BF said it would be helpful if CWa could produce an Outline Plan of what should be covered in the meetings to be held on 16 January and 31 January 2017.

New Action 0104: National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa) to produce an Outline Plan of the topics to be discussed in the meetings on 16 January and 31 January 2017.

5.0 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 Monday 16 January 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7RA	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSC Credit Committee arrangements Review of UNC Related Documents Review of revised TPD Section G - Legal Text
10.30 Tuesday 31 January 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7RA	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of UNC Related Documents Review of revised Legal Text
10.30 Tuesday 07 February 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7RA	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of UNC Related Documents Review of revised Legal Text Development of Workgroup Report
10.30 Tuesday 07 March 2017 <i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>TBC</i>

Action Table (as 06 January 2017)

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0101	06/01/17	1.0	National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa) to discuss with Scotia Gas Networks the current status of Modification 0451(V) in relation to point 6.9 in Section E – Daily Quantities, Imbalances and Reconciliation.	National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa)	Pending
0102	06/01/17	1.0	National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa) to discuss with Dentons (DT) the most appropriate way to show the updated FGO changes in the documents in readiness for 16 January and 31 January 2017 meetings.	National Grid Gas Distribution (CWa)	Pending

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0104	06/01/17	4.0	National Grid Gas Distribution (CWA) to produce an Outline Plan of the topics to be discussed in the meetings on 16 January and 31 January 2017.	National Grid Gas Distribution (CWA)	Pending