

**UK LINK Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday 12 April 2012**  
**via teleconference**

**Attendees**

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Andy Earnshaw	(AE)	Xoserve
Andy Simpson	(AS)	Xoserve
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David McCrone	(MM)	Scottish Power
Graham Wood	(GW)	British Gas
Laura Jones	(LJ)	Xoserve
Lee Foster	(LF)	Xoserve
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Shell Gas Direct
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Matt Rider	(MR)	Xoserve
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS

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**1. Review of Minutes, Action and Modifications**

**1.1. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**1.2. Actions**

**UKL1103:** Xoserve to review the contingency procedures that exist in the UK Link manual.

**Update:** DA confirmed this is ongoing. **Carried Forward**

**UKL0301:** Xoserve (DA) to ensure that a communication relating to CRN 2414 – Amendment to S66 Validation is issued in time for consideration at the next meeting.

**Update:** DA confirmed that this had been issued. **Complete.**

**UKL0302:** All users to provide a view on applying a code freeze around the time of the Olympics.

**Update:** See item *CRN962 to 962.19 inclusive – Q&WM update.* **Complete.**

**1.3. Modifications**

DA confirmed that three modifications had been raised since last month:

0418 - Review of LDZ Customer Charges

0419 - Redefining the capacity of the Specified Exit Point used in the calculation of the NTS Optional Commodity tariff

0420 - New Connections Interruptible loads

It was anticipated that modification 0418 would have an impact on charge items within UK Link systems.

## 2. Xoserve Reporting

Please refer to [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/120412](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/120412) for supporting reports.

### 2.1. UK Link Modification Implementation Plan

#### 2.1.1. Current UK Link Changes awaiting scheduling – Not Implemented

##### ***CRN1000.1 Introduction of Enhanced File Transfer***

DA provided [COR1000 Telecoms Project update](#). The presentation provided details of the next steps and scheduled impacts. DA confirmed that the roll out activities have been deferred until a suitable solution has been established. It is anticipated that the implementation of 1000.1 will be undertaken after the completion of 1000.9 (IX Upgrade).

##### ***CRN1377.2 - DN Recovery of NTS Exit Zone Capacity Charges – Invoicing & Supporting Docs***

DA reported that the file format changes issued for representation in March. During the representation period it was highlighted that the CZS file contained an error and this was re-issued for further representation. However no comments were received in either representation period. The Committee approved the change.

##### ***CRN1377.3 - N Recovery of NTS Exit Zone Capacity Charges – Offline & Adhoc Invoicing File***

DA reported that the file format changes issued for representation in March. The Committee approved the change.

##### ***Discontinuation of ANS Usage for interruption Communications by Transporters***

DA provided an overview of administration changes required, see item 4.0.

##### ***CRN2609 - Removal of Shipper Information Service***

DA provided an overview of the proposed change, see item 4.0.

#### 2.1.2. Current UK Link Changes Approved – Scheduled for Implementation

##### ***CRN 2462 – Early Issue of TO4 Records***

DA reported scheduled implementation between the 20th and 30<sup>th</sup> April

##### ***CRN1000.9 - IX Upgrade (IX Kit Replacement)***

See [COR1000 Telecoms Project update](#). Due to the additional Proof of Concept required the start of the roll out to User sites will be deferred. Due to the freeze associated with the Olympics in July, it is likely that the roll out will be reversed and undertaken North to South.

##### ***CRN 2087.1 – Online Solution for AUGÉ (MOD229)***

DA reported scheduled implementation on the 11 May 2012.

##### ***CRN 1987.1 – AQ Tolerance Change – Rejection Code***

DA reported scheduled implementation on the 25 May 2012.

##### ***CRN 1987.2 - AQ Tolerance Change - Report***

DA reported scheduled implementation on the 25 May 2012.

##### ***CRN962 to 962.19 inclusive – Q&WM***

DA advised that this change had entered User Acceptance Testing (UAT), however, Xoserve were still in discussions with the product vendor to determine an approach to

product issue resolution. This will need to be considered in determining the implementation date. DA also reported that a number of users have asked Xoserve to observe a code freeze which, when all responses are collated, span a period from the start of July up until conclusion of the AQ review. Xoserve are currently looking at the implementation plan and user testing. GW asked if there were any engagement with other groups. DA confirmed that the UK Link Committee is the primary group where this change will be discussed, but other groups will be updated.

***CRN 1721 – Extension to EUC Numeric Code***

DA reported a notional implementation date of 29 June 2012. MB believed 22 August 2012 was a conceivable date for individual Users to undertake implementation. DA believed that the August Bank Holiday weekend is when Xoserve would start to generate the files that first communicate the revised EUCs, but agreed to clarify this matter in a communication.

**Action UKL0401: Xoserve (DA) to issue a communication to Users detailing the first issue of the revised EUC values.**

***CRN 1721.1 – Data Items with Limited Remaining Values***

See update 1721.

***CRN 2005.3 – Exit Reform Phase 3 – External Screen Pack***

MR reported that the project is on target to complete UAT in June and that performance testing will take place in a couple of week's time. He explained that Xoserve are looking at putting together user training in August and would like to do some API testing. A formal communication will be provided on 13 April 2012 to provide details of all the testing.

MR also confirmed that some invoice file format documents need to be changed in relation to field lengths. He explained that the file formats will be reissued with marked up changes.

***CRN 2005.1 – Exit Reform Phase 3 – API Guidance & Specifications***

No further update.

***CRN1377.1 – DN Recovery of NTS Exit Zone Capacity Charges – SPA Files***

DA reported that the committee approved use of the NTS Exit Charge field and remains on track.

***CRN 2005.2 – Exit Reform Phase 3 – Invoice File Formats***

No further update.

***2.1.3. UK Link Changes – Implemented since last UK Link Committee Meeting***

***CRN 2414 – Amendment to S66 Validation***

DA reported successful implementation on 02 March 2012.

**2.2. Performance Reporting – Monthly Report**

All Reports accepted.

**2.3. File Format and Urgent Communications (Xoserve Report D)**

Report accepted.

**2.4. Planned Outages**

Report accepted.

### 3. Xoserve Strategic Initiatives

#### Gemini Re-platforming Project (GRP)

LF provided a [Gemini Re-platforming Project update](#).

#### Project Nexus

DA provided an update on the Nexus project. He confirmed that the retrospective update Business Requirements are awaiting sign-off. He explained that the iGT processes would be captured within a Business Requirements document. However, governance and funding issues are being discussed through the IGTM39 Workgroup.

DA provided a Technology update and confirmed that Xoserve are progressing the tender for architecture options.

#### SMIP

DA explained that a number of groups have been asked to consider the regulatory impacts, interface files, and legacy interface changes.

He confirmed that Xoserve have been asked to provide a ROM for a set of data items. The planned implementation date is October 2013. He confirmed a detailed update will be issued on 13 April 2012 and advised the BPDG document is reviewed by Committee members as this describes potential changes to UK Link systems.

#### PAWS (including Q Update)

No further update to that provided for the Q project.

### 4. AOB

#### UK Link Manual

DA provided a presentation on [Administrative Changes to the UK Link Manual](#).

The presentation explained the changes required to the UK Link manual as a result of UNC Modification 0414 - Discontinuation of ANS usage for Interruption Communications by Transporters.

It also provided details of the changes to the Shipper Information Service; it was proposed that the Lotus Notes SIS requirement be removed. Xoserve are looking at the obligation to provide information via SIS and what these can be replaced with. DA asked for views on the removal of SIS. There were no initial views against the removal of SIS.

### 5. Diary Planning

*Details of all meetings can be found at [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)*

10:00 – 12:00, 10 May 2012, Teleconference

10:00 – 12:00, 14 June 2012, Teleconference

10:00 – 12:00, 12 July 2012, Teleconference

**ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b> (original ref)	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner*</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
UKL 1103	10/11/11	2.1.1	Xoserve to review the contingency procedures that exist in the UK Link manual	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Carried Forward</b>
UKL 0301	08/03/12	2.1.2	To ensure that a communication relating to CRN 2414 – Amendment to S66 Validation is issued in time for consideration at the next meeting.	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Complete</b>
UKL 0302	08/03/12	3.0	All users to provide a view on applying a code freeze around the time of the Olympics.	All Shippers	<b>Complete</b>
UKL 0401	12/04/12	2.1.2	Xoserve to issue a communication to Users detailing the first issue of the revised EUC values.	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Pending</b>