

## UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes

Monday 18 August 2014

31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

### Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
James Hanks	(JH)	EDF Energy
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MPe)	Xoserve
Rob Nickerson	(RN)	National Grid NTS
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON

Copies of papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC/180814>

### 1. Introduction and Confirmation of membership and apologies for absence

The meeting was declared quorate.

#### 1.1. Apologies for absence

C Warner (National Grid Distribution).

#### 1.2. Note of Alternates

FC (Xoserve) for C Warner (National Grid Distribution) and R Pomroy (Wales & West Utilities).

### 2. Review of Minutes from previous meeting (30 July 2014)

#### 2.1. Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### 2.2. Actions

##### DTW0502:

- a) DESC and Xoserve to work together to look at ways to enhance the current data sets with a target to have additional data for October.

**Update:** Work is continuing. FC reported that Xoserve had published an update to the data specification following the last meeting. SB reported that she was participating in internal meetings to determine whether data could be provided to Xoserve. **Carried forward**

**DE0701:** *Within Day Shape Analysis* - Xoserve to look at what is feasible in terms of the CWV trial phase (whether the revised within-day temperature weightings can be used at this stage).

**Update:** Covered within the presentation given by JL. **Closed**

**DE0702:** *0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile* – Xoserve to carry out the analysis on WM, NT, SC and SO LDZs against Band 01 WAALPs, using all

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available PPM meter points.

**Update:** Covered under 4, below. **Closed**

**DE0703:** *NDM Demand Estimation Methodology (UNC related document)* – Review and submit comments to FC before the next meeting.

**Update:** No comments received prior to this meeting. **Closed**

### 3. **Climate Change Methodology – Hawarden Datasets**

FC confirmed that the datasets had been published a week or so ago and no comments had been received. The remaining data files have now been received from the Met Office, including a slightly updated Temperature file. Following validation Xoserve will publish and request comments. CI observed that those published so far appeared satisfactory.

#### *Next Steps*

FC confirmed that the intention was to sign off/approve the datasets at the next meeting (22 September).

### 4. **0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile**

It had taken some time for parties to extract data for analysis, and it was noted that Xoserve was now working on this. The analysis, if ready, would be published prior to the next meeting.

The approach to analysing the data was discussed. The two datasets had been received from British Gas and E.ON. Potentially different profiles were possible. Methodology and derivation of the PPM Standard ALPs was discussed. The data from the 2 Shipper files would be combined into a single profile per LDZ, without weighting.

BF reminded that DESC must report on this to the September UNC Modification Panel.

**Action DE0801:** *0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile - Xoserve to draft a report to provide to the UNC Modification Panel and issue to DESC members for review/comment.*

**Action DE0802:** *0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile - Provide a report to the September UNC Modification Panel.*

### 5. **Gas Day Change Update**

The updated document was reviewed. FC drew attention to various points of note.

#### *Weather Data – Use of observations 05:00 – 03:00*

This was still under discussion with the Transporters.

#### *Sample Data – Transition Considerations*

Referring to switching of AMR Sample (Bands 1/2), FC reported that the Service Provider needed to do more work on this to ascertain how best to proceed, and had recommended a phased approach to implementing the hour change.

#### *Appendices 1 and 2*

FC had added these to provide clarity as to how the data is to be used and to

provide an audit trail for key decisions.

FC reiterated that it had been confirmed with the Transporters that 30 September 2015 was to be a 23 hour Gas Day and that 01 October 2015 will be a 24 hour Gas Day (05:00 – 05:00).

## 6. NDM Demand Estimation Methodology - Updated UNC Related Document

Outlining the background to this document, FC described the changes made to make this consistent in format with other UNC related documents. No changes had been made to the content. No comments had been received since the last meeting and DESC agreed this could now be approved.

It will take effect from the Project Nexus implementation date. It was noted that Spring Approach for the coming year may therefore be a hybrid, and that old and new DAFs may have to be prepared.

The document is capable of change and approval through the UNCC.

### *Next Steps*

FC will return the document to National Grid Distribution confirming that version 6 had been reviewed by DESC. National Grid Distribution will then present it to Project Nexus Workgroup.

## 7. Any Other Business

None raised.

## 8. Diary Planning

### **DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2014**

Meetings will take place as follows.

Time/Date	Venue	Meeting	Programme
10:00 Monday 22 September 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<b>DESC</b>  <b>followed by</b> <b>DESC TWG</b>	<i>For DESC:</i>  Climate Change Methodology; 0451AV draft PPM Profile; Gas Day Change update;  <i>For DESC TWG:</i>  CWV Optimisation update; Seasonal Normal Review update
10:00 Wednesday 12 November 2014	Energy Networks Association (ENA), 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	<b>DESC</b>	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 – SF and WCF

**Action Table: Demand Estimation Sub-committee**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date(s)</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
<b>DTW0502</b> <i>transferred in from DESC Technical Workgroup</i>	21/05/14	<i>DESC TWG 3.0</i>	a) DESC and Xoserve to work together to look at ways to enhance the current data sets with a target to have additional data for October; and  b) Xoserve to provide the DESC members with a specification by the end of July.	All	<b>Part a) carried forward</b> <b>Part b) completed</b>
<b>DE0701</b>	30/07/14	2.2	<i>Within Day Shape Analysis</i> - Xoserve to look at what is feasible in terms of the CWV trial phase (whether the revised within-day temperature weightings can be used at this stage).	Xoserve (FC)	<b>Closed</b>
<b>DE0702</b>	30/07/14	4.0	<i>0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile</i> – Xoserve to carry out the analysis on WM, NT, SC and SO LDZs against Band 01 WAALPs, using all available PPM meter points.	Xoserve (FC)	<b>Closed</b>
<b>DE0703</b>	30/07/14	6.1	<i>NDM Demand Estimation Methodology (UNC related document)</i> – Review and submit comments to FC before the next meeting.	ALL parties	<b>Closed</b>
<b>DE0801</b>	18/08/14	4.0	<i>0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile</i> - Xoserve to draft a report to provide to the UNC Modification Panel and issue to DESC members for review/comment.	Xoserve (FC)	<b>Pending</b>
<b>DE0802</b>	18/08/14	4.0	<i>0451AV Draft Pre Payment Meter (PPM) Profile</i> - Provide a report to the September UNC Modification Panel.	Xoserve (FC)	<b>Pending</b>