

UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes
Monday 22 September 2014
31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HC)	Joint Office
Ian Hollington (Secretary)	(IH)	Joint Office
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Colin Thomson*	(CT)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Indre DeksnYTE	(ID)	Northern Gas Networks
James Hanks*	(JH)	EDF Energy
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MPe)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Rob Nickerson	(RN)	National Grid NTS
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON
Tim Wong	(TW)	British Gas

* via teleconference

Copies of papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC/220914>

1. Introduction, confirmation of membership and apologies for absence

HC highlighted a number of short notice papers had been provided for today's meeting and asked delegates if they were prepared to consider the late papers. FC apologised for the late submissions.

1.1. Apologies for absence

C Warner (National Grid Distribution).

1.2. Note of Alternates

FC (Xoserve) for C Warner (National Grid Distribution).

2. Review of Minutes from previous meeting (18 August 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: FC provided a short presentation. See link: [NDM Sample Data - Reminder](#) and asked for support from the Shipper community reminding all that this was not restricted to DESC members. Xoserve would like to trial a Shipper data process for the 2014 Autumn analysis sample data in October 2014. **Carried Forward.**

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.

Update: FC confirmed that a report had been drafted for DESC to comment on prior to providing to the UNC Panel. **Complete**

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

Update: FC confirmed that a report had been provided to the UNC Panel. See link: [Issue 063 Panel Report Update - Implementation of 0451AV](#). **Complete**

3. Climate Change Methodology Project

FC provided an update. See link: [Climate Change datasets - Update](#). She explained that the Met Office had provided all the data, and that the overall methodology and the data for 24 of the 25 weather stations was agreed and signed off. She advised that the Hawarden datasets had been made available and asked for comments on the presentation. These were all favourable and the DESC members agreed and approved the final datasets concluding the project.

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

MPa provided some updated slides on the [British Gas and EON Data Prepayment meter profiles \(Modification 0451AV\)](#).

MPa provided a background to Modification 0451AV

HC confirmed that Modification 0507 - Changing The Effective Date of 0451AV (Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters) Final Modification Report was considered by the UNC Panel on 18 September 2014 and the Panel recommended that the modification should not be implemented. For now, 0541AV is the only implemented modification, so work should continue on developing the profiles. The Panel have requested that DESC report back to the Workgroup by November.

The profiles illustrated each LDZ comparing Data from EON and British Gas with that from Utilita. The committee considered the profiles noting where there were customers with at least 50 reads the WAALP was less important. It was apparent that the data provided by EON and British Gas was fairly consistent and agreed with each other, providing a consistent shape with the Shipper data. There was some noted geographical difference between the LDZs for customers with at least 50 reads.

Xoserve advised they are still working on a system solution for Mod 0451AV reconciliations with progress expected in the new year.

SB asked about the transition to Nexus solution and the desirability of having separate profiles for prepayment meters post Nexus. FC responded that AQ 2015 would be undertaken under current functionality which could not accommodate separate profiles for prepayment meters. Discussions were ongoing with the UKLink Replacement team to determine at what stage additional profiles could be introduced. This would affect whether PPM profiles were required from the 2015. Spring Analysis. FC agreed that this needed to be clarified prior to the 2015 Spring Analysis..

The DESC Members agreed that the 50 read plus version is the more robust profile and that these should now be published as draft profiles for review and comment in time for DESC consideration on 15 October 2015. If no comments are received it would be possible to report to Panel with either a verbal update or if signed off, confirmation of approval by DESC on 15 October

It was agreed that Xoserve will provide a methodology statement and request to provide feedback within 5 days. It was agreed Xoserve could provide the underlying sample data, which derived the profiles, if this was requested. However this data would have to be anonymised prior to publication.

Action DE 0901 Xoserve to publish draft 0451AV profiles (ALPs and DAFs) based on 50+ reads, supported by a methodology statement, for review by the wider industry, giving at least 5 clear days for comments, in time for DESC consideration of responses on 15 October 2015.

5. Gas Day Change Update

FC provided a brief update but advised that this was still under discussion with the Transporters. She expected to be able to provide a more detailed update at the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. DESC Participation

CI confirmed Utilita has submitted a letter expressing concern about smaller suppliers not being represented by the industry and asked for feedback. The letter can be found on the Competition and Markets Authority website under their Energy Markets Investigation

HC highlighted that wider industry colleagues may not realise that the appointed DESC members represent the industry not just the companies that they are employed by. HC also highlighted that within the DESC Terms of Reference available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc> the DESC meeting is an open forum.

In the past the circulation of meeting invites has been restricted to the DESC distribution list which contained 50 individuals. This list includes contacts from Transporters, Xoserve, British Gas, Corona Energy, EDF Energy, E.On, Opus Energy, RWE npower, Scottish Power, SSE and Total. To try to aid future participation the Joint Office will circulate future meeting invites to the Meeting Notices distribution list along with the current DESC Distribution list. This will allow parties not normally involved to be aware of meetings taking place and afford them with the opportunity to attend, if they so wish.

The committee considered the publication of DESC material and engagement of market participants.

Some concern was expressed about negatively impacting market participants and that DESC do try to ensure samples are as representative as much as possible. The use of independent data sets was discussed; proposals are reviewed, cross-checked and consulted upon.

It was generally agreed that Shippers could actively invite colleagues from other organisations, however it was also recognised that smaller suppliers may not have the capacity to attend meetings. The committee considered how smaller suppliers may be able to feed into the committee via the appointed members, Xoserve or the Joint Office and also holding some meetings in London which may help by reducing travelling time.

7. Diary Planning

Meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Meeting	Programme
10:00 Wednesday 15 October 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	DESC TWG followed by DESC	<p><i>For DESC TWG:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CWV Optimisation trial phase sign off - Seasonal Normal Review approach sign off <p><i>For DESC:</i></p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0451AV Profile - CWV Optimisation trial phase - Seasonal Normal Review approach - Gas Day
10:30 Wednesday 12 November 2014	Energy Networks Association (ENA), 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	DESC followed by DESC TWG	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 – SF and WCF

DESC Action Table					
Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DTW0502 <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	Part a) carried forward Part b) completed
DE0801	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)	Complete
DE0802	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)	Complete
DE 0901	22/09/14	4.0	Xoserve to publish draft 0451AV profiles (ALPs and DAFs) based on 50+ reads, supported by a methodology statement, for review by the wider industry, giving at least 5 clear days for comments, in time for DESC consideration of responses on 15 October 2015.	Xoserve	Pending