

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 28 July 2016
at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ

Attendees

Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Angela Love*	(AL)	ScottishPower
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Gavin Anderson*	(GA)	EDF Energy
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Energy
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tahera Choudhury	(TC)	Xoserve

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dist/280716>

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (23 June 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Modification(s) with Ofgem

No modifications to consider at this time.

1.3. Pre-Modification discussions

None.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0570 - Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum

(Report to Panel 17 November 2016)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0570/280716>

- 2.2. **0571 0571A – Application of Ratchets Charges to Class 1 Supply Points Only (and Class 2 with an AQ above 73,200KWhrs)**
(Report to Panel 18 August 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0571/280716>
- 2.3. **0574S – Creating the permission to release supply point data to the Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)**
(Report to Panel 18 August 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0574>
- 2.4. **0589S – Inclusion of CSEP Supply Meter Points within NDM Sampling Arrangements**
(Report to Panel 18 August 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0589/280716>
- 2.5. **0592S – Separation of National Grid Transmission and Distribution owned networks – Transitional invoicing arrangements**
(Report to Panel 18 August 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0592/280716>

3. **Issues**

None raised.

4. **Review of Outstanding Actions**

DX0501: DNs to provide information on the process for recording the ownership of connecting pipework in a sub-deduct arrangement.

Update: A lengthy debate took place in relation to who owns the meter points and who is responsible for the interconnecting pipework downstream of the primary meter in a Sub Deduct arrangement. CB wanted to know who would be responsible for any work on the pipework should there be a leak and how would the downstream Shipper know who is responsible. JF said she would investigate this area, but stressed that NGN would not be raising a new modification regarding this matter. It was agreed this action should be carried forward. **Carried Forward.**

DX0501: National Grid (CW) to liaise with Dentons to ascertain a view as to why TPDH, paragraph 1.6 was inserted into Code originally, and whether there would be any potential issues associated with its removal.

Update: General consensus was that this action could now be closed as it was related to modification 0589. **Closed.**

5. **Any Other Business**

5.1. **Must Read Process Change Update**

This topic was deferred until the 25 August meeting.

5.2. **Ofgem Switching Programme Overview**

AMi overviewed the 'Ofgem Switching Programme Overview' presentation and drew attention to the Disclaimer – which stated; *'These slides have been prepared to facilitate discussion at the July 2016 Distribution Workgroup Meeting. They are not the views of any party nor do they seek to be a complete and accurate reflection of all the work under the Ofgem Switching Programme'*. AMi then moved on to provide a high-level overview of the document, which encompassed the following areas; the aims, the proposed structure, the 5 different OPS phases, together with explaining

the rationale behind the wording of the Registerable Measurement Point (RMP) in relation to the Supply Point, and the need to differentiate between them. He drew attention to the matters that were still under consideration and explained that detail discussions were taking place in relation to these. It was anticipated that UNC modifications would be required at some point in the near future to facilitate the provision of information.

5.3. CMA proposals, Price Comparison Website access to data Distribution Workgroup

AMi provided an overview to the 'CMA proposals, Price Comparison Website access to data Distribution Workgroup' presentation detailing the background and proposal, for the Price Comparison Websites (PCW) in relation to having permission to access Transporter data. He explained that the PCW would be requesting the following data which was; MPRN, address including postcode, meter serial number, meter mechanism code, (credit or pre payment), meter capacity, current supplier id, SMETs code, and he said the AQ might also be added to this list.

AMi then explained that the PCW and Third Party Intermediaries (TPI) were not licenced or subject to any register accreditation, and that the PWC and TPI would contract directly with Xoserve for the provision of the service. General discussion took place regarding the confidentiality and data protection aspects and the need for a robust set of criteria to ensure adherence to the Network Code. AMi explained further meetings would be taking place between Xoserve, PWC and TPI and that both Shippers and Transporters could also attend these meetings. He said a new modification would be raised in either August or September and that in the meantime, he would appreciate any comments regarding this overall topic to be sent directly to him.

6. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Distribution Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 25 August 2016	Elaxon, 4 th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 22 September 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>

Action Table (28 July 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DX0501	28/04/16	4.	To provide information on the process for recording the ownership of connecting pipework in a sub-deduct arrangement.	DNs	Carried Forward <i>(Due at 25 Aug 16)</i>
DX0601	23/06/16	1.3.1	To liaise with Dentons to	National	Closed

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