

UNC Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) Workgroup Minutes

Tuesday 07 March 2017

via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sue Hilbourne	(SH)	Scotia Gas Networks

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1. Introduction and Status Review

BF welcomed all to the meeting, noting that there was no Shipper or iGT representation.

1.1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February were approved and confirmed that there are no o/s actions

1.2. Pre-Modification Discussions

1.2.1 Draft Modification: Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document

CW clarified to the Workgroup that the purpose of this modification is to create a new and revised UK Link Manual which reflects the new role of Project Nexus.

The timetable proposed for the modification is aggressive and will be discussed in the Workgroup to confirm it is appropriate which may mean a change to the dates currently proposed. This would take implementation past the Project Nexus Implementation Date.

BF questioned if the UK Link document will be available to review at next meeting planned on 23 March 2017, AM confirmed that some of the file formats might not be available but the structure will be available and hopefully some detail to support the discussion at the meeting.

BF questioned as to why a modification is needed at this stage when the Project Nexus version didn't need a modification. CW advised that because the new Change Committee is in its infancy, this way is more practical in this case to ensure the industry as a whole has a chance to participate. Going forward there is no doubt it would go down the committee route but at the moment it seems more sensible to use a modification.

BF advised the Workgroup that there are concerns that the Workgroup Report might not be completed in time as there is a significant amount of updating required and questioned if a fast-track modification could be considered to amend the date in Code that references this document? CW advised that this will be considered but only if needed. BF advised he is trying to avoid issues of people saying they are unable to comment because document is incomplete and this could delay the proposed timetable.

RP asked if a Fast-Track modification to change the effective date could be presented to March Panel, BF advised this would have needed to be submitted at the new modification cut-off date last Friday 03 March 2017.

CW suggested that Panel might not want to approve a Fast Track modification at such short notice, RP commented that it would be good to at least have it available.

CW asked AM if he was happy with the modification proposal, AM confirmed that the timescales are challenging and that the Industry may need to accept that the document might not be quite right at Project Nexus implementation but will be shortly after.

2. Modification 0604S: Central Data Services Provider – Arrangements following implementation of Project Nexus

The Workgroup had concluded its discussions on 28 February 2017 and its report is to be submitted to the March UNC Modification Panel for its consideration.

AM presented the final version of the DSC Service Lines for Modification 0604 for review and confirmed the changes are only changes associated with 0604, no other changes are represented in this document.

SH questioned the services lines and if they represented the service standards applicable to iGT/GT interactions, were these fully documented so that these could be presented to staff for consideration.

AM also confirmed that Modifications 0608, 0609/0609A and 0610 will require amendment to the service lines, clarifying that Modification 0604 removes the AQ process from 01 June 2017 service lines document, whereas Modifications 0609/0609A amends the AQ process between 01 April 2017 and 01 June 2017.

DM asked if the Process Flows are to be updated with the SLA's that have been identified, AM will confirm and discuss with process team to ensure the process documents are aligned.

BF asked CW if the legal text will be finalised and ready for submission to March 2017 Panel. CW confirmed the Legal Text will be available before end of this week.

3. Any Other Business

None raised.

4. Diary Planning

No further FGO Workgroup meetings will be required.

BF thanked everyone for their participation in the workgroup.

The March UNC Modification Panel will be requested to consider and approve the formal closure of the FGO Workgroup, and direct that any remaining outstanding issues or other activities needing attention be transferred to the responsibility of the UNC Distribution Workgroup.