

UNC Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes

Tuesday 07 April 2015

at 31 Homer Road. Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
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Alexa St Clair*	(ASC)	Opus Energy
Alison Neild	(AN)	Gazprom
Andrea Bruce	(AB)	Scottish Power
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
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Edward Hunter	(EH)	npower
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Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Glen Nixon	(GN)	Utiligroup
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
James Hill	(JH)	EDF Energy
James Kleiner-Mann	(JKM)	Wingas
Karen Visgarda	(KV)	Joint Office
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	first:utility
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michelle Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping Services
Rachel Duke*	(RD)	EDF Energy
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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

0103: Xoserve (MD) to investigate and provide an update on how flows are prioritised, including prioritisation selection criteria.

Update: Deferred until 12 May meeting. **Carried Forward**

0104: To provide a view on potential technical system volume requirements and solution v's cost to develop and deliver.

Update: MD explained that Xoserve is currently undertaking some performance testing and they expect to provide an update at the 12 May meeting. **Carried Forward**

0106: *Reference REQ32* – National Grid (CW) & Xoserve (MD) to consider what Primes & Subs information could be made available to users.

Update: MD confirmed that Xoserve would be able to provide limited Primes & Subs related information. During a brief discussion around various Product Classes related impacts and the possible option of simply leaving these as DM sites, MD agreed to consider providing some additional Product Class related information. **Carried Forward**

0205: *AQ Corrections* - Xoserve (MD) to double check whether or not the 9 month AQ correction window delay trigger is parameterised or not and to also consider how current Code provisions might have an impact.

Update: Deferred until 12 May meeting. **Carried Forward**

0206: *AQ Corrections* - Xoserve (AM) to consider provision of an 'interim' workaround (manual) process relating to running a report to highlight anomalous reads (inc. supporting telephone calls), plus look to provide some draft business rules around what parameters any trigger criteria would / could be based on.

Update: MD advised that some statistical information has been prepared and when signed off within Xoserve, it should be made available for presentation at 12 May meeting. **Carried Forward**

0301: Xoserve to consider arranging a Project Nexus Transitional Workshop.

Update: EL advised that this matter is due to be discussed at the May UKLIEF meeting and is expected to include cutover aspects – a communication is due to be issued shortly. **Closed**

0304: *AQ Corrections* - Shippers to provide Xoserve with erroneous AQ correction scenarios (with for example: the starting AQ, the required AQ correction, and read samples to assess if tolerances would fail).

Update: During a brief discussion, those in attendance agreed that this matter had been 'covered' by the RWE npower 'Read Validation Scenarios' presentation at the 25 March meeting. In considering whether or not the presentation actually resolved the various concerns, MD agreed to add a new issue for the Green and Brown Field sites to the issues log. **Closed**

New Action 0401: Xoserve (DA) to discuss with the DNs about the confirmation process for Green and Brown field sites.

0305: Xoserve to provide the methodology for calculating the AQ including rounding, truncating and decimal places.

Update: MD explained that this is covered by the presentation under item 4.0 below. **Closed.**

0306: Xoserve to confirm when a read loads and the AQ is not calculated if a notification will be issued to the Shipper and what rejection code would be used.

Update: MD explained that following validation, if AQ is not utilised the Shipper would be notified via the appropriate AQ file(s). **Closed**

0307: *BRDs* - All parties to review and provide Xoserve with any comments prior to the next meeting 07 April 2015.

Update: MD explained that one set of comments had been provided and that these would now be added to the appropriate BRD comments form(s). **Closed**

0308: *BRDs* - Xoserve to highlight any changes to file formats.

Update: MD confirmed that there would be no changes to the FFs. **Closed**

0309: Xoserve to check the AQ process and if the correction factor flag is sent to the Shipper

Update: MD confirmed that an AQ process notification file (NRL file) would be utilised to notify Users where a site specific correction factor is needed. **Closed**

0310: Xoserve to confirm the management of drift calculations for AMR equipment.

Update: MD confirmed that the SFN file for site visits would be utilised to submit site reads and thereafter this would be used to apply energy back over the whole period (on a profile basis) in order to calculate the drift. In reality this relates to the apportionment of drift between actual meter reading and that derived by the AMR equipment.

When asked, MD agreed to provide some DM/NDM samples for consideration at the next meeting. **Carried Forward**

0311: Xoserve to check and confirm if the LDZ exit zone changes if the shipper will be notified.

Update: EL confirmed that the LDZ exit zone changes would be notified via the EX2 files. **Closed**

1.3. Pre-Modification discussions

None.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0529 – Implementation of Retrospective Adjustment arrangements (Project Nexus transitional modification)

(Report to Panel 18 June 2015)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0529>

2.2. 0531 – Provision and Development of Industry Testing Prior to Nexus Go-live

(Report to Panel 21 May 2015)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0531>

3. View on non-effective days (Modifications 0532 and 0535)

DA provided an overview of the two non effective day proposals set out in spreadsheets which had been provided immediately prior to the meeting.

In considering the Modification 0535 spreadsheet, DA believed that there are no real concerns with the proposed non effective days and their potential impact on faster switching.

Moving on to consider the Modification 0532 spreadsheet, discussions centred around possible alignment with the corresponding iGT non effective days (i.e. the choice between 5 (UNC) and 6 (iGT) non effective days).

Some parties indicated that they have serious concerns around adopting 5 non effective days (either as a maximum or brought into alignment with iGT non effective days) and are still considering their respective positions (i.e. the potential impacts upon confirmation cancellations etc.). When asked, DA indicated that the iGT072 timelines had been taken account of within the spreadsheet already.

In response to concerns raised against the potential meter reading/asset volumes involved (circa 1.2 million MRs etc.), DA responding advised that Xoserve have looked at this and do not perceive a problem. AC was concerned about 'core' system volumes and not just the meter reading or asset related volumes.

DA provided an explanation of how the process would be expected to work in respect of the 14 calendar day confirmation cancellation window, where the day falls within the non effective day window. Some parties felt that the objection window pinch point is also a concern.

SM suggested that these concerns relate to previous discussions within which Ofgem had acknowledged the potential timing issues and stated that they would put their views in writing around the disapplication of normal rules. CB suggested that Ofgem had already fulfilled this requirement via various industry forums, such as iGT meeting minutes etc.

When asked whether or not Xoserve would be able to cope with a potential meter reading backlog, DA advised that they believe they could.

Moving on to consider 'in flight' files, DA explained that any files submitted on or after 01 October 15 need to be on the new file format – under the provisions of Modification 0532 where files are on the old format when the system reboots (restarts after the switch over), these would not be processed. However, under the provisions of Modification 0535, this would be subtly different as the 'system' would be the same before and after the non effective days. When asked, DA explained that Modification 0532 (5 non effective days) overarches Modification 0535 (2 non effective days) and the normal batch files would be processed the day before switch over.

When asked whether or not there would be some form of an 'electronic handshake' to look to avoid a potential black hole for files awaiting transaction, DA agreed to take an action and report back.

New Action 0402: Reference the view on non effective days - Xoserve (DA) to investigate whether or not an 'electronic handshake' would be available to look to avoid losing files awaiting transaction at the time of switch over.

In seeking to conclude discussions, the consensus view was to look to adopt a 6 non effective days approach (i.e. align with the iGT side) and to review the position as and when required. When asked, DA indicated that he would discuss the matter with the proposers representative for Modification 0532 (C Warner, National Grid Distribution) with a view to amending the modification. BF reminded those present that Ofgem would want to see justification for the number of non effective days chosen.

New Action 0403: Reference the view on non effective days - DA to highlight the potential realignment to a 6:6 non effective day position (i.e. UNC to iGT).

4. AQ Correction Scenarios

MD provided an overview of the presentation explaining that this had been prepared in response to a request at the last meeting.

In considering the 'AQ calculation following a Change in Class' slide, MD agreed to provide additional clarity around the class change aspects.

During the discussion on the 'Calculate AQ Class 3 and 4' slide, some parties wondered why you would not potentially utilise the 365 days worth of Class 3 read information once it had been obtained, when looking to move to either Class 1 or 2. Responding, MD advised that unfortunately the system has not been designed to enable this.

MD agreed to amend the SOQ calculation to read as "AQ/ 365 x NDM Load Factor".

In considering the 'Derive Consumption Class 3 & 4' slides, MD pointed out that APLs & DAFs would be utilised for assessing where 'the energy will equal the AQ' purposes.

Concluding, MD advised that she would now update the presentation to reflect discussions and include it in the baselined requirements under the AQ BRD banner. She then proposes a similar approach for invoicing in due course.

5. Consumption Adjustments

Consideration deferred.

6. BRDs

MD explained that Xoserve had received feedback from RWE npower highlighting some minor errors. Thereafter, MD confirmed all the BRDs have been updated and that change marked and clean versions have been provided under the baselined BRDs folder on the Joint Office web site.

7. Issues

In reviewing the Requirements Log, MD pointed out that there are now three tabs – Open Requirements, Closed Requirements and Requirement Gaps.

Looking at the two open requirements, we have:

REQ32 – in the absence of C Warner, it was agreed to defer consideration until the May meeting, and

REQ41 – the ‘AMR flag’ date is taken to be the ‘installation date’ for the AMR equipment.

When asked whether this would also apply for encoded meters with AMRs fitted where they collect absolute readings rather than derived ones (the consequence being receiving check read requests for meters where one is not required!), MD advised that she does not believe there would be any issues as Xoserve would not change these and the only potential issue possibly relates to Performance Reporting via any (future) Performance Assurance Framework provisions. ES suggested that the AMR flag facility is not used encoded meters.

Moving on to consider the ‘Requirements NOT Being Delivered for Go Live’ tab, MD advised that a Change Request had been raised and feedback on the forthcoming Impact Assessment would be provided in due course.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. LDZ Exit Zone Data Errors

EL explained that this relates to postcode and LDZ Exit Zone mismatches. CB suggested that this had already been agreed.

DA observed that the matter had been discussed at the 10 March Workgroup meeting. CB requested that any transitioning out of the 0451 arrangements be flagged up at the next Transmission Workgroup meeting.

8.2. Read Replacements

CB requested an update on her previous email to EL on this matter. Responding, MD advised that the Xoserve ‘drift’ experts are currently tied up in a meeting and she would look to invite one colleague to the next Workgroup meeting to provide a view.

5. Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Monday 27 April 2015	Elexon, 4 th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW	Project Nexus Legal Text Review Meeting
10:30 Tuesday 12 May 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Project Nexus Workgroup
10:30 Tuesday 09 June 2015	Elexon, London to be confirmed	Project Nexus Workgroup

10:30 Tuesday 14 July 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Project Nexus Workgroup
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0103	20/01/15	3.2	To investigate and provide an update on how flows are prioritised, including prioritisation selection criteria.	Xoserve (MD)	Carried Forward
0104	20/01/15	3.2	To provide a view on potential technical system volume requirements and solution v's cost to develop and deliver.	Xoserve (MD)	Carried Forward
0106	20/01/15	3.5	<i>Reference REQ32</i> – To consider what Primes & Subs information could be made available to users.	NGD (CW) & Xoserve (MD)	Carried Forward
0205	10/02/15	3.2	<i>Reference AQ Corrections</i> - Xoserve (MD) to double check whether or not the 9 month AQ correction window delay trigger is parameterised or not and to also consider how current Code provisions might have an impact.	Xoserve (MD)	Carried Forward
0206	10/02/15	3.2	<i>Reference AQ Corrections</i> - Xoserve (AM) to consider provision of an 'interim' workaround (manual) process relating to running a report to highlight anomalous reads (inc. supporting telephone calls), plus look to provide some draft business rules around what parameters any trigger criteria would / could be based on.	Xoserve (AM)	Carried Forward
0301	03/03/15	2.0	Xoserve to consider arranging a Project Nexus Transitional Workshop.	Xoserve (MD/EL)	Closed

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0304	10/03/15	1.2	AQ Corrections - Shippers to provide Xoserve with erroneous AQ correction scenarios (with for example: the starting AQ, the required AQ correction, and read samples to asses if tolerances would fail).	Shippers	Closed
0305	10/03/15	3.0	AQ Corrections - Xoserve to provide the methodology for calculating the AQ including rounding, truncating and decimal places.	Xoserve (MD)	Closed
0306	10/03/15	3.0	AQ Corrections - Xoserve to confirm when a read loads and the AQ is not calculated if a notification will be issued to the Shipper and what rejection code would be used.	Xoserve (AM)	Closed
0307	10/03/15	4.0	BRDs - All parties to review and provide Xoserve with any comments prior to the next meeting 07 April 2015.	All	Closed
0308	10/03/15	4.0	BRDs - Xoserve to highlight any changes to file formats.	Xoserve (MD)	Closed
0309	10/03/15	5.1	Correction Factors - Xoserve to check the AQ process and if the correction factor flag is sent to the Shipper	Xoserve (MD)	Closed
0310	10/03/15	5.3	Requirements Log - Xoserve to confirm the management of drift calculations for AMR equipment.	Xoserve (MD)	Carried Forward
0311	10/03/15	6.2	Postcode exit zone - Xoserve to check and confirm if the LDZ exit zone changes if the shipper will be notified.	Xoserve (EL)	Closed
0401	07/04/15	1.2	To discuss with the DNs about the confirmation process for Green and Brown field sites.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending
0402	07/04/15	3.	<i>Reference the view on non effective days</i> - Xoserve (DA) to investigate whether or not an 'electronic handshake' would be available to look to avoid loosing files awaiting transaction at the time of switch over.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending

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