

Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday 07 May 2013
at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Alison Jennings	(AJ)	Xoserve
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Chris Hill	(CH)	Cornwall Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid Distribution
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr*	(EC)	ScottishPower
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Steve Mullinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom
Sue Cropper	(SC)	British Gas
Tabish Khan	(TK)	British Gas

1. Introduction

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of Actions

Action NEX03/01: Xoserve (AM) to seek to refine the ‘Project Nexus transition, migration and cutover’ presentation for iGT Agency Services in-line with discussions (inc. a rough timeline indication that takes into consideration the potential early implementation of various Project Nexus functionality modules).

Update: AM provided a brief overview of the ‘iGT Agency Services migration considerations’ presentation that he also expects to provide to the iGT039 Workgroup meeting scheduled to take place on 22 May 2013 at the Ofgem Office, London.

AM explained that an essential aspect of the migration event is the mapping of iGT organisation to iGT Licence, CSEP to iGT Licence, MPRNS to CSEP, and (where applicable) nested CSEPs to master CSEPs. This mapping is essential to the provision of services for all parties – shippers, iGTs and GTs. When asked, AM advised that there is a requirement for CSEP i.d.’s within their system(s) for both charging and iGT licence provision purposes. The bulk of the discussion then centred on the migration and data preparation considerations with AM suggesting that the initial data loading and mapping exercise could take up to 3 months with then further time required to populate any missing data and to allow for testing. AM considered the migration event may commence 12 months before the go-live of the new systems. Some parties present acknowledged that they possibly have ‘gaps’ in their data. SM voiced his concern

around the data mapping aspects and indicated that he would welcome more clarity around the matter sooner rather than later – a view supported by several parties in attendance. Responding AM advised that he expects that more information would become available towards the end of 2013 as the analysis phase may identify a requirement for new data items e.g. there will be new “product class” data items. However, he did suggest that some preliminary data mapping could commence shortly and he would seek to provide an initial (1st cut) view on the matter in the next few months.

Moving on, AM went on to suggest that at the moment the volume / scale of the data preparation and population aspects remain unknown – any work in progress e.g. new iGTs coming online, new CSEPs being created etc during the course of the exercise will need to be managed.

Continuing the discussion, it was also believed that there could already be obligations placed on the iGTs relating to address information recording requirements, and that these may require further consideration in due course including items such as information formats etc. The Workgroup acknowledged that differences in the various iGT’s processes and their ability to engage, or not, with the industry would / could have a major influence on matters. One option suggested was the raising of a separate iGT Modification (in the near future) that seeks to mandate the iGT’s to get involved in the migration exercise – it is expected that this will be discussed in more detail at the forthcoming iGT039 Workgroup meeting. AM indicated that he remains confident that industry wide support would be forthcoming, especially when bearing in mind that there are no winners or losers involved and should the industry not undertake such an exercise, the end result could potentially process failures across the industry.

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2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1 0432 – Project Nexus – gas settlement reform

(Report to Panel 20 June 2013) – Papers at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0432/070513>

2.2 0434 – Project Nexus – Retrospective Adjustment

(Report to Panel 20 June 2013) – Papers at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0434/070513>

3. Issues and topics for discussion

3.1 High Level Workgroup Issues

3.1.1 Outstanding Areas (Issues) Log

MD provided a brief overview of the outstanding issues log, focusing attention on ID34 explaining that this matter had been discussed at previous meetings and that the iGT’s remain of the opinion that increasing the SHQ to the same ratio of SOQ to SHQ prior to the Ratchet is not necessarily the most appropriate solution.

Following a brief discussion around concerns voiced relating to potential inconsistencies between the SOQ’s and SHQ’s allied to potential validation rejection issues (i.e. system value combination impacts) and ‘knock on’ Supplier effects, CW agreed to discuss the matter further with Xoserve and the other GT’s and provide a view at the next meeting.

3.1.2 Project Plan

No update provided.

3.1.3 BRD Updates

Opening MD advised that tracked versions of the BRDs have been published on the Joint Office web site for a few months now and wondered whether these could now be 'baselined'. Thereafter, all parties in attendance agreed that the published latest versions of the BRDs could now be baselined.

BF pointed out that currently the various Project Nexus UNC modifications reference a particular version of their associated BRDs and perhaps these (the modifications) should now be amended to simply refer to the appropriate BRD(s) and not version numbers. It was acknowledged by those present that it would be beneficial for all aspects of the respective BRD's to be bottomed out before the modification consultation phases commence. CW indicated that he would be more than happy to amend the modifications once the BRDs are finalised and should the worst come to the worst, we could always resolve the BRD requirement under a sweep up modification.

3.1.4 Funding Arrangements

Consideration deferred.

3.1.5 Transitional Arrangements

Under development; consideration deferred.

3.2 New Issues

None.

4. Workgroup Process

4.1. Agree actions to be completed ahead of the next meeting

New Action NEX05/01: Xoserve (AM) to provide an initial (1st cut) view on when the iGT Agency Services migration preliminary data mapping exercise could commence.

New Action NEX05/02: National Grid Distribution (CW) to engage with the other GT's and Xoserve to seek to find a suitable resolution to Outstanding Issue Log ID34 (Ratchets – SOQ / SHQ ratio).

5. Diary Planning

The following meetings are scheduled to take place during 2013:

Title	Date	Location
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0432 & 0434 Workgroups)	20/05/2013	Energy UK Office, Charles House, 5–11 Regent Street, London. SW1Y 4LR.
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0432 & 0434 Workgroups)	05/06/2013	Consort House, Princes Gate Buildings, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0432 & 0434 Workgroups)	09/07/2013	Consort House, Princes Gate Buildings, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.
Project Nexus Workgroup (inc. 0432 & 0434 Workgroups)	30/07/2013	Consort House, Princes Gate Buildings, 6 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3QQ.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
NEX03/01	05/03/13	5.	To seek to refine the 'Project Nexus transition, migration and cutover' presentation for iGT Agency Services in-line with discussions (inc. a rough timeline indication that takes into consideration the potential early implementation of various Project Nexus functionality modules).	Xoserve (AM)	Update provided. Closed
NEX05/01	07/05/13	1.2	To provide an initial (1 st cut) view on when the iGT Agency Services migration preliminary data mapping exercise could commence.	Xoserve (AM)	Update to be provided in due course.
NEX05/02	07/05/13	3.1.1	To engage with the other GT's and Xoserve to seek to find a suitable resolution to Outstanding Issue Log ID34 (Ratchets – SOQ / SHQ ratio).	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Update to be provided in due course.