

**Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes**  
**Tuesday 10 September 2013**  
**at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Chris Hill	(CH)	Cornwall Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr*	(EC)	ScottishPower
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
James Hanks	(JH)	EDF Energy
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Julie Varney	(JV)	National Grid Transmission
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Mo Rezvani	(MR)	SSE
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	first utility
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tabish Khan	(TK)	British Gas
Tim Davis*	(TD)	Joint Office

**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**

**NEX07/01: Reporting** - Xoserve (MD) to produce reporting strawman.

**Update:** MD advised that a presentation had been provided for the meeting. **Closed**

**2. Workgroups**

**2.1. 0432 – Project Nexus – gas settlement reform**

(Report to Panel 21 November 2013) – Papers at:  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0432/100913](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0432/100913)

**2.2. 0434 – Project Nexus – Retrospective Adjustment**

(Report to Panel 21 November 2013) – Papers at:  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0434/100913](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0434/100913)

## **2.3. 0453 – Project Nexus – Demand Estimation**

(Report to Panel 21 November 2013) – Papers at:  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0453/100913](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0453/100913)

## **3. Issues and topics for discussion**

### **3.1 High Level Workgroup Issues**

#### **3.1.1 Outstanding Areas (Issues) Log**

MD pointed out that she had added ID35 following discussions at the previous meeting, and would amend the document further after today's discussions. She then advised that a new issue to 'cover' the EU (Industry) Gas Day developments would also be added, as agreed previously.

#### **3.1.2 Project Plan**

AM advised that work on the plan remains ongoing although it is proving difficult to incorporate the various wider industry changes (i.e. EU developments and their potential Gemini impacts). It was noted that Ofgem had done a good job with their SMART metering plan.

AM then explained that it is his intention to provide a high-level plan for consideration at the 30 September meeting.

#### **3.1.3 BRD Updates**

MD advised that the Executive Summary of the Business Requirements Document would now be updated to better reflect the discussions undertaken during the Modification 0453 meeting with a view to seeking formal sign off at the next meeting.

#### **3.1.4 Funding Arrangements**

Discussion deferred.

#### **3.1.5 Transitional Arrangements**

BF suggested that the Workgroup would need to start to consider the various transitional requirements sooner, rather than later whereupon AM explained that it is his intention to provide some transitional issues for consideration at the 30 September meeting.

AM also reminded those present that whilst he sees the current suite of Project Nexus modifications progressing through the process, there may be a need (at a later date) for the addition of some new (enabling) modifications to support the implementation of the 'core' modifications.

#### **3.1.6 Performance Assurance**

Discussion deferred.

#### **3.1.7 Reporting**

##### UNC Supplementary Documentation presentation

MD provided a brief overview of the presentation explaining that the greyed out items are those that Xoserve believe are not affected, although there may be some additional indirect/consequential changes to other documentation that Xoserve have not yet identified that could/would need consideration at a later date. When asked, MD also confirmed that the Unique Sites process would be automated under Project Nexus. Additionally, she would now prepare marked up versions of the other highlighted documents on the list.

With regard to the 'Uniform Network Code Validation Rules (v2.0)', CW advised that he anticipates that more in depth discussions around the proposed changes to the document would be undertaken at the 30 September meeting. When asked what level of scrutiny would be deemed appropriate for consideration of the changes to the UNC

Validation Rules document, CW suggested adopting a similar approach to that taken for reviewing the BRD's.

Existing Reports to Shippers presentation

MD opened by asking parties to review the list and provide an indication of what existing reports they believe should stay, be removed or what new reports may be required in future. AM suggested that the industry needs to avoid creating a list of reports that would simply sit there and incur costs without actually getting used.

During a brief discussion it was suggested that whilst provision of some default reports in the initial delivery of Project Nexus would be advantageous, it was more important (mid to longer term) to develop a data warehouse style approach whereby users can 'tailor' their reports and have access to their respective data in as near real time as possible. AM advised that whilst Xoserve already has a data warehouse provision, its access does not currently extend beyond Xoserve.

**New Action NEX09/01: All parties to review the UNC Supplementary documentation listing, UNC Validation Rules document (v2.0) and the Existing Reports listing and provide feedback at the 30 September meeting.**

**3.2 New Issues**

None.

**4. Any Other Business**

Fuzzy Matching of Meter Serial Number Logic

MJ explained that at a recent SPAA meeting the issue of providing a fuzzy logic 'matching' feature on meter serial numbers was discussed with the conclusion being that whilst parties would wish to see this feature retained, they do accept that it may require changing in time. Responding, AM advised he would investigate this topic further to see what any potential changes may be.

Data Cleansing Workshop update

AM advised that a data cleansing workshop aimed primarily at operational personnel had been arranged for Tuesday 17 September 2013 – this would also be supported by ongoing one-to-one discussions with parties.

UK Link Committee Engagement update

AM advised that Xoserve intends to provide a high-level overview of progress to date and future developments of Project Nexus to the 10 October UKLC meeting and that he would shortly be requesting that this meeting be a face-to-face meeting - the purpose of this meeting is to begin the engagement with the UK Link Committee so that it can be ready to undertake its duties. PNUNC members re-iterated the view that any business matters should be addressed at the appropriate business/regulatory Workgroup and not at technical fora, such as the UK Link Committee.

**5. Diary Planning**

The following meetings are scheduled to take place during 2013:

Meeting	Date	Location
Dedicated Project Nexus Legal Text (0432, 0434 and 0453) Review meeting	16/09/2013	Ofgem, 9 Millbank, London. SW1P 3GE.
Project Nexus Workgroup (including 0432, 0434 and 0453 Workgroups)	30/09/2013	To be confirmed.

Project Nexus Workgroup (including 0432, 0434 and 0453 Workgroups)	22/10/2013	To be confirmed.
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**Action Table**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
NEX07/01	09/07/13	3.1.7	<i>Reporting</i> - Produce reporting strawman.	Xoserve (MD)	Update provided. <b>Closed</b>
NEX09/01	10/09/13	3.1.7	To review the UNC Supplementary documentation listing, UNC Validation Rules document (v2.0) and the Existing Reports listing and provide feedback.	All	Update to be provided at 30/09/13 meeting.