UK LINK Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday 28 August 2015
via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alison Neild	(AN)	Gazprom
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Endre Merai	(EM)	RWE npower
Graham Wood	(GW)	British Gas
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	RWE npower
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Paul Carman	(PC)	ScottishPower
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve
Steve Russell	(SR)	RWE npower

Copies of meeting papers are available at: http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/280815

1. Introduction

BF welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed quoracy.

As this is an interim 'single issue' meeting, approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting (13 August 2015) and a review of outstanding actions will take place at the next UK Link Committee meeting on 10 September 2015.

1.1 Alternates

Paul Carman for Lorna Mallon (ScottishPower), and Kirandeep Samra for Amie Charalambous (RWE npower).

2. Items for Approval

2.1. The Invoicing supporting information file formats

DA recapped on the background, observing that opinions to revert to baseline file formats had emerged over time. The file formats had been issued out to consultation and the representations received had been published, and there appeared to be support for reverting back to the December version of the file formats.

Responding to request for clarity on which version the UKLC was being asked to vote, DA recapped on what was agreed at the July UKLC meeting, where minor changes were noted to the file formats. The file formats were reissued on 07 August 2015 (i.e. reverting back to the principles in the December file formats, but with some low level changes) and the subsequent representations matrix was published in UKLC Communication 1439 on 21 August 2015.

The five UKLC Members and two Alternates were then asked to vote to approve the Invoicing supporting information file formats (as issued on 07 August 2015) .

Five votes were cast in favour, with two abstentions noted.

UK Link Committee Approval was therefore given, with a majority of 5 votes in favour.

RH confirmed that the approved versions of the file formats would be put on line today.

2.2. ERR/FRJ - Flie level rejection treatment

Noting that the representation matrix had been published in UKLC Communication 1442 on Wednesday 26 August 2015, DA summarised the various positions of the representations, where it appeared that two were in support, and there were against moving away from the UK Link standard.

The five UKLC Members and two Alternates were then asked to vote to approve changing the UK Link standard.

Three votes were cast in favour, and three against, with one abstention noted.

BF concluded that no consensus had been reached, and DA confirmed that no changes would be made and that the UK Link standard would therefore be retained.

3. Any Other Business

3.1. Compression - alternative solutions

CB asked about progress. DA reported that Xoserve had met with British Gas to discuss its potential solution and the British Gas slides had been made available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/130815. At the meeting DA had reiterated his concerns regarding the proposal (it puts a strain on the file handler and potentially puts other traffic at risk); more analysis is being done and Xoserve is assessing the options. A response will be made to British Gas next week, and once a view is reached on the appropriate approach this will be put before the UKLC.

CB reiterated her concerns that Xoserve appeared to be in discussion with British Gas alone, and that other parties were not involved, in what should be industry discussions to decide what was best for the industry; this did not seem to be an open and transparent approach. DA explained that British Gas had suggested this alternative solution, aspects of which Xoserve was not comfortable with at this stage and needed to reassess to reach its own view on whether it might be viable, or if the risks were too significant, following which it would be brought to the wider audience. GW added that British Gas was not seeking to do this in isolation, and would be very happy to have industry sessions to discuss/assess.

DA understood and noted CB's concerns and added that he would feed these back to the Programme. The Programme was mindful of the timescales and urgency and would present a position as soon as possible. As soon as a set of options was available these would be given visibility. It was anticipated that a meeting might then take place in the week commencing 07 September 2015, whilst noting that this was a busy week and members may have limited diary availability.

4. Diary Planning

Details of all meetings can be found at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

The next UK Link Committee will take place at 10:00 on Thursday 10 September 2015, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

2015 Meetings

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
10:00, Thursday 10 September 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	Standard agenda; other items to be confirmed
10:00, Thursday 08 October 2015	Teleconference	Standard agenda
10:00, Thursday 12 November 2015	Teleconference	Standard agenda
10:00, Thursday 10 December 2015	Teleconference	Standard agenda

Action Table (28 August 2015)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status
UKL 0801	13/08/15	4.1	*Access Controls (portal screens and changes to roles)* - Produce a Change Pack and present to October UKLC.	Xoserve (DR)	*Due at 08 October 2015 meeting* **Carried forward**
UKL 0802	13/08/15	5.1	*COR1154.15.16 – UKLP Including Nexus requirement – Amendments to the AML, COI, CZI, introduction to the TKN and concept of compression* - DA to arrange a meeting between Shippers, UKLC members and UKLP to discuss this issue and potential solutions in greater detail.	Xoserve (DA)	**Carried forward**
UKL 0803	13/08/15	6.6	*Release Management* - Clarify how defects discovered during testing will be controlled/managed/communicated.	Xoserve (DA)	**Carried forward**
UKL 0804	13/08/15	6.7	*ERR/FRJ Rejections* - Provide examples of the non-standard level approach for consideration.	Xoserve (DA)	**Carried forward**