

UK LINK Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 08 December 2016
via teleconference

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office	
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office	
Alison Nield	(AN)	Gazprom	Member
Bob Broadhurst	(BB)	British Gas	
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON	Member
Clare Cattle-Jones	(CCJ)	SSE	
Dave Hipwell	(DH)	British Gas	
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve	
Graham Wood	(GW)	British Gas	Member
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy	Member
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes	(MBJ)	RWE npower	Alternate
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	Member
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE npower	
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping	Member
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve	Transporter
Simon Power	(SP)	EDF Energy	
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve	

Copies of meeting papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/081216>

1. Introduction and Status Review

CS welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed its quorate status.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (10 November 2016)

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

2. Overview of Modifications Impacting UK Link Systems

RH provided a brief overview on recently raised and 'in flight' modifications, as follows:

0607 – Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point

RH explained that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time.

0606 – National Grid Gas plc and National Grid Gas Distribution Limited transitional invoicing arrangement post Project Nexus implementation

In making reference to outstanding action UKL1002 and the recent communication (1671), RH explained that there are UK Link system impacts that will be defined in more detail in due course.

0605 – Amendments to TPD Section K – Operating Margins

RH explained that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time.

0604 – Central Data Services Provider – Arrangements following implementation of Project Nexus

RH explained that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time.

0602 – Implementation of Non Effective Days and Variant Non-Business Days for Project Nexus Implementation (Project Nexus transitional modification)

RH explained that her colleague D Addison had attended the recent TPG meeting on 06 December 2016 where she provided an update to those present, where she explained that the modification has been amended to provide for 9 non-effective days and 2 variant non-business days. AN believed that Xoserve are expected to issue a summary paper later in the day.

The matter is to be discussed further at a forthcoming Workgroup meeting scheduled to take place on 12 December 2016.¹

3. Issues referred from PNDG and MTWG

3.1. PNDG

RH explained that she did not have a specific update for this meeting.

3.2. MTWG

When it was noted that the Market Trials Working Group had completed its work, UK Link members agreed that this standing agenda item could now be removed from future agenda's.

4. Xoserve Reporting Updates

4.1. UK Link Modification Implementation Plan

4.1.1. Current UK Link Changes Awaiting Scheduling – In Analysis

0576 – Generation of an estimated meter reading at the code cut off date in the absence of an actual read – Enduring solution

RH advised that whilst the change order remains in analysis, it is expected that the enduring solution would first be run in April 2018, circa 10 months after Project Nexus 'Go-Live'. It was noted that the proposed implementation date reflects this fact.

Further information will be provided in a forthcoming Change Pack issue.

COR4073 – Gemini EU Phase 4a

RH explained that this change order has been added to the Implementation Plan for early visibility purposes – it was pointed out that whilst the proposed August 2017 implementation date is close to the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID), it cannot be altered due to EU regulations.

Further information will be provided in a forthcoming Change Pack issue.

4.1.2. Current Project Nexus Changes Awaiting Scheduling – In Analysis

COR1154.15.27 – UKLP Including Nexus Requirements – RTO File Format & Hierarchy

In referring to previous communications 1506.4 and 1496 relating to this matter, RH explained that this change order is reliant on progression of the associated UNC modification before the actual implementation date can be specified.

It was also noted that whilst the (revised) implementation date is yet to be confirmed, the previous date had been defined as 12 months post the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID) – more information would be provided in a future Change Pack in due course.

¹ Please note: an amended modification was published by the Joint Office on Friday 09 December 2016 – a copy can be found at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0602>

COR1154.15.84 – Description changes to records within the CDN and CDR – ‘Anticipated Values’

In referring to previous communications 1673.1, RH explained that this change order seeks to address a previous typographical error whereby ‘Allowable Value’ was incorrectly stated which has now been amended to read as ‘Anticipated Values’ to reflect their status as C&D files.

In noting that should this be deemed as a mandatory field it would be subjected to validation, the actual information within the field itself would not be validated per se.

This change order is currently the subject of an industry consultation, with the response window closing out on 13 December 2016.

4.1.3. Current UK Link Changes Awaiting Scheduling – Awaiting Approval

No change orders for consideration this month.

4.1.4. Current Project Nexus Changes Awaiting Scheduling – Awaiting Approval

COR1154.15.64.3 – Suspension of the Validation between Meter Index and Unconverted Converter Index – RGMA Rejection code

In referring to communication 1662.1, RH explained that this change order relates to two RGMA rejection codes that need to be suspended, as follows:

- 01011 Converter tolerance breached the lower tolerance level, and
- 01012 Converter tolerance breached the upper tolerance level.

RH also explained that there had been no responses received against this change order.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order – **Approved**

COR1154.15.79 – Shipper Rejection Codes V2.12FA

In referring to communication 1667.1 and revised change summary 1677.1, RH explained that this change order relates to several changes (inc. updated NTS 001 description, removal / amendment of other codes and some mapping changes). Furthermore, the decommissioned codes have now been reinstated inline with previous UKLC discussions on the matter.

RH then explained that 3 responses have been received (1x supporting and 2x providing comments) and that the associated comments had now been incorporated into the revised change summary and rejection code list v2.13FA.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order - **Approved**

COR1154.15.81 – UMR Hierarchy change

In referring to communication 1667.3, RH explained that this change order relates to resetting the maximum occurrences for the U01 records to 300k.

RH then explained that 2 responses have been received, both in support of the change.

When asked, RH confirmed that there are no direct UNC impacts associated with the change and no limit placed on the number of submissions (of 300k records) that users can make.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order - **Approved**

COR1154.15.65 – Transformation Rules (Pack Eight)

In referring to communication 1639.1, revised change summary 1653.1 and additional information provided in 1667.4, RH explained that this change order

relates to a proposal for the AMR Device Installation Date to now correspond with the latest reconcilable reading date as at the start of the non-effective day period immediately prior to the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID). RH went on to explain that a treatment document for embedded AMR issues had been provided previously.

RH then explained that 3 responses have been received (1x supporting and 2x providing comments) and that the same approach would also be adopted for iGTs for the enduring solution.

When asked how the process would be managed / enabled for instances where the (embedded) AMR option is not ticked on the system, RH agreed to take an action to provide a view in due course – it was agreed that this would not prevent UKLC members from making a decision on the change order at this meeting.

New Action UKL1201: Reference COR1154.15.65 – Transformation Rules (Pack Eight) - Xoserve (RH) to look to clarify how the process would be managed / enabled for instances where the (embedded) AMR option is not ticked on the system.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order - **Approved**

COR1154.15.82 – File Numbering on Inbound and Outbound Flows

RH explained that based on the extensive number and complexity of responses received on this matter, Xoserve are NOT seeking approval of this change order at today's meeting.

It is expected that further Xoserve consideration of the matter and TPG discussions would be needed before a change pack communication would be issued in due course.

4.1.5. Current UK Link Changes Approved - Scheduled for Implementation

TBC

Proposed Datafix to Meter Link Code

RH confirmed that in the absence of an implementation date, which is now expected to be in the New Year due to the forthcoming code freeze over the Christmas period, this change order remains 'on hold' for the time being.

COR3413.1 Removal of 'Automatic' Creation of Meter Models on Receipt of RGMA Transactions – Revised Implementation Date

RH confirmed that in the absence of an implementation date, which is now expected to be in the New Year due to the forthcoming code freeze over the Christmas period, this change order remains 'on hold' for the time being.

December 2016

Temporary Suspension of M3.3.4b Validation on Shipper Provided ('Unbundled') Meter reading

RH explained that this change order had been implemented on 03 December 2016 following a further deferral on 26 November 2016 due to issues with the submitted files. A communication relating to this matter was issued on 05 December 2016 explaining that the process had run successfully (inc. URS response file aspects).

A repeat exercise is expected to be undertaken in due course.

January 2017

COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts

RH highlighted that the change order remains 'on track' for a 01 January 2017 implementation.

From this point onwards, the remainder of the Implementation Plan items were taken 'as read', as provided.

Project Nexus Implementation Date

The majority of these changes relate to Project Nexus and are all still in development for implementation on the Project Nexus Implementation Date.

When asked what 'in development' really means, RH pointed parties towards the definitions provided on page 2 of the plan and explained that in essence it relates to a change order status prior to actual implementation.

Post Project Nexus Implementation date

COR1154.15.64 – UKLP Including Nexus Require – Contact Title Allowable Values

RH explained that this change order remains on track for a post PNID implementation.

4.1.6. UK Link Changes – Implemented since the last UK Link Committee Meeting

There have been no change orders implemented since the last UKLC meeting.

4.1.7. UK Link Changes – Withdrawn

COR1154.15.32 – UKLP Including Nexus Requirements – Data Update Code (DUC) – JOB File

RH pointed out that this change order had now been formally withdrawn and remains on the plan simply for information purposes only.

4.2. Xoserve Report

RH focused attention on the following outage (Report E would be updated once UNC Modification 0602 is approved), whilst providing a brief update on the proposed timings etc.:

- 'UKLP Including Nexus Requirement - Outage'

Thereafter, reports A, B, C, D and E were accepted.

4.3. Review of Change Log

RH reminded those present that the Change Log is published each Friday before highlighting that we are now on the sixteenth iteration already and that version 17 would be issued following this meeting.

5. Review of Actions

UKL0801: Reference COR3143 – File Transfer Guide V12FA V12.1FA - Xoserve (DA) to look to provide a high level process flow map for the Supplier / MAM (non UKL user to non UKL user) aspects and to also consider a suitable publishing location for any supporting documentation.

Update: RH explained that consideration remains ongoing. **Carried Forward**

UKL0901: Reference COR1154.15.61 – Treatment of Non Measuring Assets – Confirmation of Treatment when as Asset Status Code is not provided - Xoserve (DA) to confirm when the Allowable Asset Status Code table contained within the UK Link Manual would be / had been updated.

Update: RH explained that whilst work remains ongoing, she is hopeful that this would be completed shortly and that information would be available for consideration at the January 2017 meeting. **Carried Forward**

UKL1001: *Reference the UKL Organisation Table updates* – All parties to provide a view on their preference on what type of informational changes they would like to be informed about and what frequency of updating and publication of the organisation table would be deemed acceptable – thereafter Xoserve (DA) to provide feedback at the November UKLC meeting.

Update: When RH explained that there had been no feedback from users relating to this matter after the action was carried forward at the November meeting to enable such an undertaking, CB once again highlighting issues that E.ON are experiencing when new parties are joining the market place (i.e. timing of key information provision / alignment between the MDD process and the Organisation Table). Furthermore, she remains of the view that the SPAA needs to look to refine the MDD process in order to reduce their turnaround (information updating and provision) times.

ER agreed to discuss the matter with the Customer Lifecycle team to see if they could provide a notification about any new Shipper/Supplier entrants and RH also agreed to seek a view from her colleague D Addison for consideration at the January 2017 meeting. **Carried Forward**

UKL1002: *Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts* – Xoserve (DA) to consider and provide confirmation of when the NGGDL invoicing details would be provided to Shippers.

Update: RH explained that the information (as previously issued in communication 1671 on 28 November 2016) had now been published under today's meeting papers on the Joint Office web site. **Closed**

UKL1101: *Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts* - Xoserve (DA) to confirm whether or not it is envisaged that the proposed credit / debit (via an ad-hoc invoice) same day style (solution) approach is an enduring solution.

Update: RH explained that this is NOT envisaged to be an enduring solution and that the change would now be determined and prioritised via CMSG in future. **Closed**

UKL1102: *Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts* - Xoserve (DA) to confirm the origin of the proposed Project Nexus credit / debit solution revisions.

Update: RH explained that she is currently awaiting the output (response) of a Xoserve internal review into the matter.

When asked whether or not there are any credit calculation / provisions related impacts, RH referenced the Xoserve response provided at the recent Distribution Workgroup meeting – in short, there are no anticipated impacts. **Carried Forward**

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Diary Planning

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

It was noted that post March 2017 UKLC Meetings will fall under FGO governance and UKLC members will be kept updated of developments. Until then the UKLC Meetings will take place as follows:

Time and Date	Venue	Programme
10:00, Thursday 12 January 2017	Teleconference	Standard agenda and other items to be confirmed
10:00, Thursday 09 February 2017	Teleconference	Standard agenda and other items to be confirmed
10:00, Thursday 09 March 2017	Teleconference	Standard agenda and other items to be confirmed

Action Table (as at 08 December 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status
UKL 0801	11/08/16	4.1.3	<i>Reference COR3143 – File Transfer Guide V12.1FA - Xoserve (DA) to look to provide a high level process flow map for the Supplier / MAM (non UKL user to non UKL user) aspects and to also consider a suitable publishing location for any supporting documentation.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
UKL 0901	08/09/16	4.1.4	<i>Reference COR1154.15.61 – Treatment of Non Measuring Assets – Confirmation of Treatment when as Asset Status Code is not provided - Xoserve (DA) to confirm when the Allowable Asset Status Code table contained within the UK Link Manual would be / had been updated.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
UKL 1001	13/10/16	4.1.4	<i>Reference the UKL Organisation Table updates – All parties to provide a view on their preference on what type of informational changes they would like to be informed about and what frequency of updating and publication of the organisation table would be deemed acceptable – thereafter Xoserve (DA) to provide feedback at the November UKLC meeting.</i>	All Parties	Carried Forward
UKL 1002	13/10/16	4.1.5	<i>Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts – Xoserve (DA) to consider and provide confirmation of when the NGGDL invoicing details would be provided to Shippers.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1101	10/11/16	4.1.5	<i>Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts - Xoserve (DA) to confirm whether or not it is envisaged that the proposed credit / debit (via an ad-hoc invoice) same day style (solution) approach is an enduring solution.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1102	10/11/16	4.1.5	<i>Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts - Xoserve (DA) to confirm the origin of the proposed Project Nexus credit / debit solution revisions.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
UKL 1201	08/12/16	4.1.4	<i>Reference COR1154.15.65 – Transformation Rules (Pack Eight) - Xoserve (RH) to look to clarify how the process would be managed / enabled for instances where the (embedded) AMR option is not ticked on the system.</i>	Xoserve (RH)	Pending

