

**UK LINK Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday 25 May 2016**  
**Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ**

**Attendees**

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office	
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office	
Bryan Hale*	(BH)	EDF Energy	<b>Member</b>
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON	<b>Member</b>
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve	<b>Alternate (Transporter)</b>
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem	
Lee Harrison	(LH)	Xoserve	
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy	<b>Member</b>
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	<b>Alternate</b>
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE Npower	
Naomi Nathanael*	(NN)	Utility Warehouse	
Rachel Hinsley*	(RH)	Xoserve	
Sharon Eaton	(SE)	RWE Npower	<b>Alternate</b>
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve	<b>Alternate (Transporter)</b>

\*via teleconference

Copies of meeting papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/250516>

**1. Introduction and Status Review**

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

G Wood was unable to attend and had appointed B Hale as his Alternate.

**2. Consideration of New Change Pack(s) and required Approvals****2.1 COR1154.15.44 – Clarification on the treatment of RECONCILIATION INVOICE CHARGE within the ASP File Format**

At the previous meeting (20 May 2016), Xoserve indicated that it wished to have the opportunity to consider the representations, and where necessary issue an amended Change Summary. Change Pack 1581 (issued 24 May 2016) clarified the way that Users would expect to receive Reconciliation Invoice Charge Information as set out in Option 1, compared against how it was understood that Users have indicated that they might expect to receive these (Option 2). It was agreed that the UK Link Committee would vote on Option 1. DA asked UKLC to note that the way that Option 2 has been interpreted was not as anticipated, and that a clarification would need to be proposed to the formats (a description change, to be issued subsequently if appropriate). If Option 2 was chosen this would represent a functional change (which will not be released prior to the next reconciliation invoice within Market Trials); this will still reflect the SSP variances.

DA then gave a brief presentation outlining the two options (1 - current proposal, and 2 - SSP variances split) under consideration, and illustrated each option with a detailed example.

Noting that this remains the preferred approach for Xoserve, it was reiterated that approval would only be sought in relation to Option 1 (current proposal).

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Members were asked to vote and, with 7 votes in favour, 3 not in support, and 1 abstention, UKLC approval for Option 1 was given.

## **2.2 COR1154.15.37 – UK Link Standards Guide Amendment to deal with Leading Zeroes**

SE advised DA that a late representation had been submitted, requesting more time to assess this; inconsistencies had been noted and further clarification of details was sought. The identified discrepancies were briefly discussed, and DA affirmed that any inconsistencies noted would be explicitly dealt with. It was recognised that while additional time for assessment would be good to have, this was to be balanced with the need to move forward.

MJ commented that the new system has been built slightly differently to the old system, in respect of how leading zeroes are defined; this was discussed. The legacy system was not documented in detail; leading zeroes were in the allowable value, and were inconsistently treated in the old system. This has not been replicated; Xoserve has increased the level of documentation so parties can understand what is expected in the new system. MF observed there was no change to the field, but allowable values have been changed; now the issue is 01 - in 'old world' it was 1 - but as it was not flagged as a change, Shippers may not have made the appropriate change in their systems.

Members were asked to vote and, with 9 votes in favour, 1 not in support, and 1 abstention, UKLC approval was given.

## **2.3 COR1154.15.39 – iGT Enduring Transformation Rules (Change Pack 4)**

For iGT and GT there were 2 new rules (one for each) issued for approval (Change Pack 1567.1, 04 May 2016). SN advised that the MPRN lists requested by parties were unable to be issued because of the continual adjustment of data - a 'moving target'.

Members were asked to vote and, with 11 votes in favour, unanimous approval was given.

## **2.4 COR1154.15.41 – UK Link Standards Guide Amendment to deal with File Numbering after rejection and ERR and FRJ file formats**

DA thanked parties for their feedback; some errors had been noted and Xoserve has revised the hierarchies to reflect the representations received. DA explained the errors and the changes made. The number of instances of when ERR will be provided was also discussed.

Drawing attention to an explicit change to the file numbering aspect, DA reported that no representations had made reference to this, so the assumption was that parties were happy with that aspect. The document changes reflect how it is operating in Market Trials and DA gave brief details of this. Other changes reflect the Standards Guide. Asked for views, replacing the file number appeared to be an issue for Shipper members in respect of successful processing; the principle was agreed to be sound, however execution needs consideration. DA noted these views and will revisit the issues regarding execution.

It was agreed to defer the seeking of approval to a future meeting.

## **2.5 COR1154.15.17 – Treatment of the Token File**

DA reported that representations had been received and were published in the Change Pack 1567.5 issued the day before. One representation supported removal (the party affirmed it did not want to use the Token File).

Members were asked to vote and, with 11 votes in favour, unanimous approval was given for the removal of the Token File.

## **2.6 COR1154.15.16 – UKLP Including Nexus Requirements - Method of transportation for the Invoicing Supporting Information Files, Compression**

Reporting that representations had been received, DA then read out each representation to the meeting. The details of each representation were discussed. DA explained how a file would be treated (Xoserve to compress, Shipper to decompress).

Members were asked to vote and, with 10 votes in favour and 1 not in support, UKLC approval was given.

### **3. Any Other Business**

#### **3.1 Change Pack issued on 24 May 2016**

DA reminded of the Change Pack close out on 01 June 2016.

DA reported N95 Documentation had been issued for comment, closing out on 14 June 2016.

Referring to the Change Pack issued on 24 May 2016, MJ asked when file formats (negative values) will be available for Market Trials. DA gave a brief update, explaining that a delivery date had yet to be confirmed; Xoserve was applying pressure to AMTs for a June drop. He explained his view of the error, but did not have a categorical answer at present.

There was a brief discussion. AMT needs an explicit statement of negative value. File formats management was explained and how it had been supported in the past. AMT had added a level of rigour to this and it needs a functional change to recognise this. A number of sweeps of the system have been made to effect the level of change required. The aim was for June, but this was not certain yet. LJ asked if this would become a post implementation matter if it could not be trialled. DA noted this for consideration, and will endeavour to keep the UKLC informed (he will try and issue something in advance of the representations close out on 01 June 2016, and ready for the meeting on 09 June 2016).

#### *U01, U12 and U14 Files*

It was noted that parties were reviewing these and will return with any questions.

DA explained the background. Looking at an equivalent change for Class 1 M00 a similar reference has been approved; DA detailed the description, and will be writing out to clarify the description in the M00 record in the MDR. The M00 is likely to be impacted by the Class 1 change. LL observed that it needed to be really clear what is being asked for and what the expectation is when sending AMR readings. DA explained how legacy works. An industry consultation will be carried out to establish how this should be carried forward. At 'go live' a third index is forced on, some parties will be getting 3 indices, or 2 indices exactly the same, or that have been manipulated to reflect differences. Parties were advised to revert to legacy treatment and carry on as they are. DA explained how this might get through the validation; if at the resynch event there are pulses that have been missed it will then be corrected at annual review.

DA believed there were circa 5,000 sites impacted with correctors fitted. There was a need to go 'back to basics' with the community to understand the best approach to remedy, and what needs to be retained/provided, and any change required,

In respect of a timeline, DA had received a view from ESTA that ASP parties would wish to continue with flexibility, but wider consultation is needed. It will probably be moved into Phase 2 release.

### 3.2 UNC Elections for Gas Year 2016/17

LJ drew attention to the commencement of the election process for UNC Committees (including the UK Link Committee) for Gas Year 2016/17, and encouraged parties to engage with the process.

Further information can be found on the Joint Office website at:

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/elections](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/elections).

#### 4. Review of Actions Outstanding

**UKL0401:** *Reference COR1154.15.35 - Xoserve (DA) to clarify how Xoserve would respond to contact title submissions, how it expects to treat these files and how any null values would be communicated via the UKLC going forwards.*

**Update:** Review deferred to the next meeting 09 June 2016. **Carried forward**

**UKL0501:** *Reference COR1154.15.40 UKLP Including Nexus requirement – Q28 Clarification - Xoserve (DA) to confirm how treatment of urgent UKLC/Industry decisions would be managed in future.*

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#### 5. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

UKLC Meetings will be face-to-face meetings (unless otherwise notified) and will take place as follows:

Time and Date	Venue	Programme
10:00, Thursday 09 June 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	Standard agenda; other items to be confirmed
10:00, Wednesday 29 June 2016	Teleconference	Consideration of New Change Pack(s) and required approvals
10:00, Thursday 14 July 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	Standard agenda; other items to be confirmed
10:00, Wednesday 27 July 2016	Teleconference	Consideration of New Change Pack(s) and required approvals

#### Action Table (as at 25 May 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status
UKL 0402	14/04/16	5.1.4	<i>Reference COR1154.15.35 - Xoserve (DA) to clarify how Xoserve would respond to contact title submissions, how it expects to treat these files and how any null values would be communicated via the UKLC going forwards.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Carried forward</b>

<b>UKL 0501</b>	12/05/16	5.1.4	<i>Reference COR1154.15.40 UKLP Including Nexus requirement – Q28 Clarification - Xoserve (DA) to confirm how treatment of urgent UKLC/Industry decisions would be managed in future.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Carried forward</b>
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