UK Link Committee (Accelerated Governance) Meeting Minutes Monday 04 January 2016 via teleconference

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1. Introduction

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

2. Discussion of the new Change Pack

Opening, BF pointed out that the next review of new Change Packs would be conducted in two weeks time at the Monday 18 January 2016 Accelerated Governance meeting.

DA then provided brief updates on the more salient points relating to the following recently issued Change Pack communications, as follows:

1496 – RH – SN – Accelerated File Format Approvals Process Change Pack Three, (issued 23 December 2015) comprising communications 1487 – LH – SN – Pipeline of Change – ASP Negative Values (issued 11 December 2015) and 1494 – LH – SN – Pipeline of Change (issued 18 December 2015).

Whilst representations periods for these changes has been reduced to accommodate the accelerated governance process and requirements, both periods remain open until 07 January 2016 for comments.

DA summarised the communications (including the summary table attached to communication 1487) by explaining that as far as the RTO (product) amendments are concerned, the hierarchy now includes appointment dataset (in a similar vein to ONJOB – i.e. a single effective date). Furthermore, the RTO dataset formats include a new code (UPDRN) to facilitate replacing the asset reading whilst the proposed asset class changes recognise a need to reduce multiple transactions. If anyone has any comments or feedback or require further information relating to RTO matters, please contact Xoserve.

Focusing attention on the LIA hierarchy aspects, DA explained that 1x representation had been received which suggested that the proposed solution is inconsistent (i.e. two level 3 records (K69 and K82) with one single level 4 (subordinate) record (K83)) being shown with

how hierarchical (subordinate) levels have been handled elsewhere within the file format related changes. Whilst it has subsequently been confirmed that this in its self does not contravene any 'industry' standards, views on this matter are welcomed. Responding, some UKLC members suggested that adopting a consistent approach would be beneficial, after which Xoserve agreed to make the necessary changes – a communication relating to this matter would be published within a forthcoming Change Pack.

3. Discussion of CNF hierarchy

In referring to communication 1485 – LH – SN – Accelerated File Format Approvals Process Change Pack Two (originally issued 09 December 2015), SN provided a brief overview of the proposal during which he explained that two representations had been received, one in support and one asking for clarification on a potential release date. It was agreed to look to approve the change today and thereafter to look to approve the release date at a later date.

When asked whether or not a figure of 1000 instances of a record being identified within a file applies to this CNF change, SN suggested that this appears to be consistent with how other records/files are treated throughout the system.

When asked, there were no adverse member comments to the approval of this change – approved.

4. Consideration of UKLP Enduring Transformation Rules

In referring to communication 1493.1 – LH – SN – Introduction of an Advanced Meter Reader (AMR) Service Provider (ASP) Identifier (ASP ID) and Advanced Meter Indicator (UNC Modification 487S) – Transition Arrangements (issued 18 December 2015), SN provided a brief overview of the proposal before confirming that whilst some challenges had been raised and discussed at the recent Data Cleansing Workgroup meeting, no actual rule changes had been proposed.

When asked, there were no adverse member comments to the approval of this change – approved.

5. Diary Planning

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

UKLC Meetings will take place as follows:

Time and Date	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 14 January 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3LT	Standard agenda; other items to be confirmed
09:30 – 10:30 Monday 18 January 2016	Teleconference	 Accelerated Governance meeting Approval of previous Accelerated Change Pack (04 January) Discussion of the new Change Pack
09:30 – 10:30 Monday 01 February 2016	Teleconference	Accelerated Governance meeting Approval of previous Change Pack (18 January) Discussion of the new Change Pack