

Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes
Wednesday 04 June 2014
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AMa)	British Gas
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Brendan Cooper*	(BC)	GDF Suez
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr	(EC)	ScottishPower
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Huw Comerford	(HC)	utilita
James Hardy*	(JHa)	Wingas
James Hill	(JHi)	EDF Energy
James Rigby	(JR)	RWE npower
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	first:utility
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	first:utility
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Mike Fensome*	(MF)	GDF Suez
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Steve Russell	(SR)	RWE npower
Sue Cropper	(SC)	British Gas

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/040614>

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of Actions

NEX03/06: Xoserve (FC/MD) to examine the proposed options (in the British Gas 'Further Analysis on Meter Reading Validation Tolerances proposed by Project Nexus' presentation) with an eye to providing an informed view on the preferred solution(s) so that the PNUNC could consider in due course.

Update: AM advised that discussions between Xoserve and British Gas remain ongoing and it is now expected that an update would be provided at the 22 July meeting. **Carried Forward**

1.3. Pre Modification Discussions (10mins/item)

None.

2. Workgroups

2.1 0467 – Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision; data preparation

(Report due to Panel on 17 July 2014) – Papers at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0467>

2.2 0473 – Project Nexus – Allocation of Unidentified Gas

(Report due to Panel on 18 September 2014) – Papers at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0473>

3. Issues and topics for discussion

3.1 UK Link Replacement Programme – additional supporting UNC modifications

AM provided an overview of the presentation focusing on each topic area in turn.

Daily Metered Voluntary (DMV) service end date

AM introduced the topic explaining that during the development of UNC Modification 0441 'Continuation of Daily Metered (Voluntary) service until the implementation of Project Nexus' Xoserve had highlighted that the end date in the modification would not work, but that insufficient information was available at the time to consider the matter. AM explained that a further assessment had been undertaken and that there are material implications of end dating DMV on 30th September 2015. One of the issues is that as a daily read site there is a 5 day close-out for the read submission and this overlap into the Nexus regime would create difficulties in the energy balancing arrangements. DMV supply points were to migrate to Class 4 on 1st October 2015. AM proposed that the DMV product ends on the same timescales as Modification 0428 'Single Meter Supply Points', thus they would become NDM and migrate to a Class 4 site on 1st October 2015. The reason behind this timeline was to utilise the re-confirmation processes built for 0428.

A number of shippers raised concerns at the proposed timeline as they were expecting to re-confirm these sites as Class 2 immediately following Nexus implementation. The concerns were that the consumer would be expecting continuation of a daily read service. Shippers requested a greater understanding of the issues that Xoserve had considered that had led to this proposal. Shippers also requested an assessment be made of alternative proposals.

AM advised that he is hoping to provide a draft modification on this matter for consideration at the 22 July meeting. SM also indicated that he might also consider raising a modification to look to investigate the 'as late as' cut-over solution in due course.

CW enquired as to what would happen with the 18 EUC Band 9 sites (as previously reported in the Performance Pack(s)) at the go-live date, AM explained that currently these are NDM sites and as a consequence would migrate to Class 4 by default. BF added that in his opinion this is not a specific Project Nexus related issue and should be managed through discussion with Shippers on a site-by-site basis.

Action NEX06/01: Xoserve (AM) to consider whether or not DMV sites could migrate to Class 2, and if not, what would be the shortest period that Xoserve required to re-confirm them to NDM before Nexus implementation.

Action NEX06/02: Xoserve (AM) to provide an explanation, including any Network referral activities, for the confirmation of a supply point to Class 2.

Faster Switching Modification 0477 and its extension to include "unique sites"

AM advised that during development of modification 0477 "unique sites" had been excluded from the arrangements although it was recognised an additional modification would be needed to align the supply point switching process for all supply points as all

supply points would be “on-line” and subject to the same system business rules defined in the UNC. It was confirmed that the faster switching timescales set the minimum, not maximum timescales for registration and therefore the longer process sometimes required for Unique Sites would be accommodated.

Attention then turned to consider what potential refinements may be needed over and above those prescribed for UNC Modification 0477 ‘Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of Faster Switching’ during which AM reminded parties that the (Xoserve) proposal is seeking to set minimum, not maximum timescales and that care would be needed during consideration of any changes. Some parties felt that a walk through example from the Unique Sites team might prove beneficial.

Modification 0434 Project Nexus – Retrospective Adjustment

AM advised that the topic of allowing meter asset updates that pre-date the Nexus implementation date to be processed had been discussed at previous Nexus Workgroups. Xoserve are continuing to assess the optimum arrangements to give effect to this. Xoserve has procured a SAP based product and, to meet the 1st October timescales, needed to use as much standard functionality as possible. This may mean some changes to the business requirements / rules agreed to date. In allowing pre Nexus go live meter asset updates there still had to be some sort of cut-off period after which the asset update could not be processed for the actual date of the meter activity, although this would not impact any adjustments due for the period up to the Code Cut Off Date (often referred to a “line in the sand”). AM advised that Xoserve will consult with the Nexus Workgroup on how to best facilitate the retrospective adjustment arrangements.

End of Year AQ Reconciliation (often referred to as the Mod 640 process)

AM advised that agreement had been reached at the Nexus Workgroup on the changes to this process and a draft modification would be presented to the Nexus Workgroup shortly.

User Suppressed Reconciliation Variance

AM advised that agreement had been reached at the Nexus Workgroup on the changes to this process and a draft modification would be presented to the Nexus Workgroup shortly.

Offer and nomination cancellation

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AM suggested that the anticipated approach would be to discuss a topic or topics at the Nexus Workgroup followed by the raising of a draft modification(s) which would then be presented to the Nexus Workgroup before being formally submitted to the Joint Office.

Closing discussions, AM suggested that parties should anticipate that several modifications rather than one single (large) one would / could be raised, with even more in the pipeline when the transitional arrangements are developed further.

3.2 MPRN Lifecycle and Unique Sites Communication Update

AM provided the rationale behind the communication issued by his colleague E Lyndon and advised that Xoserve are trying hard to stay true to the proposed topic discussion dates, as previously provided. He also indicated that should anyone have any new topics to suggest, or feedback to provide, these would be gratefully welcomed.

4. Any Other Business

Disaggregated Supply Points

With regards to Modification 0428 'Single Meter Supply Points' and the requirement to disaggregate supply points, SM asked that if, having disaggregated a supply point, the Nexus implementation date moved, could Shippers re-aggregate the sites. CW advised that this would not be allowable, as 0428 does not permit new aggregations.

5. Diary Planning

The following meetings are scheduled to take place during 2014:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Wednesday 18 June	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	0473/0473A (followed by UPIEG)
10:30 Tuesday 08 July	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	0473/0473A
10:30 Tuesday 22 July	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	To be confirmed
10:30 Monday 11 August	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 09 September	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 07 October	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 04 November	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 09 December	National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	To be confirmed

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
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