

Project Nexus Workgroup Minutes
Wednesday 05 February 2014
at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr*	(EC)	ScottishPower
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
James Hanks	(JH)	EDF Energy
James Hardy	(JHa)	Wingas
James Hill	(JHi)	EDF Energy
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Leigh Chapman	(LC)	first-utility
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Michele Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Mike Bagnall	(MB)	British Gas
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Sue Cropper	(SC)	British Gas
Tony Perchard	(TP)	DNV GL

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of Actions

NEX10/01 (revised): UNC Validation Rules – All Shippers to review the revised document and the tolerances for Class 4 and report back to Xoserve with views/comments by 27 January 2014.

Update: MD advised that British Gas had provided some analysis in the form of a presentation. Please refer to item 4.1 below for more details. **Closed**

NEX11/05: Ofgem (JD) to look to set up a discussion between interested parties to ascertain what Gemini costs have, or have not been allowed for and to come back to the Workgroup with a view on any potential future incremental Gemini funding arrangements.

Update: Although no Ofgem representative was present at the point of the meeting when this action was reviewed, BF did obtain a post meeting update from J Dixon, as follows:

“Ofgem do not consider it appropriate to re-open discussion on RIIO-T1 at this time, but will reconsider this position when the scale and costs of Project Nexus driven impacts on Gemini are known” **Closed**

NEX12/03: All parties to submit items for the Transitional Topics Register.

Update: MD pointed out that a ‘Transitional Migration Topics Register’ had been published prior to the meeting. **Closed**

NEX01/01: *Read Submission and treatment* – Xoserve (AM/MD) to confirm how a read which passes the threshold and rolls over to the following day will be treated.

Update: MD provided an update on behalf of Xoserve explaining that rolled over reads are processed first, but they are treated as though they are received on the day of processing (not the date of receipt). This means that a read that has “timed out” for submission purposes would be rejected.

Concerns were raised as some parties believe that there remain unresolved concerns around the transitional period. It was also noted that any pre-loaded meter readings would not be subject to Project Nexus validation, so the question remains as to how useable these reads would actually be. Responding, MD stated that if high volume of reads were to be submitted pre implementation she would encourage all Shippers to submit readings in a flatter profile. It was suggested that concerns such as these would be captured for consideration of transitional issues going forwards, with today’s concerns already included in the transitional issues log anyway. **Closed**

NEX01/02 (formally 0440 01/01): National Grid Distribution (CW) to discuss with C Wood (Dentons) how best to present the legal text and to even consider super imposing against the 0432/0434 legal text to make tracking the changes easier for all parties to understand.

Update: Not considered at this meeting. **Carried Forward**

NEX01/03 (formally 0440 01/02): ES Pipelines (AP) to investigate whether or not the initial determination of the AQ by the iGT for premises not already contained within the AQ calculation table for the purposes of determining the AIGTS AQ is also ‘covered off’ in the IGT UNC and also to approach GH for an explanation of why paragraph IGTAD Section D2.1.2 is important to the iGTs.

Update: Not considered at this meeting. **Carried Forward**

2. Workgroups

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

(Report due to Panel on 20 February 2014) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0467/050214

2.2 0473 – Project Nexus – Allocation of Unidentified Gas

(Report due to Panel on 19 June 2014) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0473/050214

2. Issues and topics for discussion

3.1 High Level Workgroup Issues

3.1.1 RAID Log

MD advised that no further risks / issues had been raised since the last meeting and that the log would be reviewed at the next meeting.

3.1.2 Project Plan

In providing a brief overview of the 'UK Link Indicative Programme Timeline' plan, MD focused attention on the updates to the dates for the Modifications and advised that Xoserve would continue to update the plan on an 'as and when' basis going forward. Furthermore, the Indicative Timeline will be baselined in April.

It is expected that in future, a copy of the document will be published under 'Management Documentation' at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/ManagDoc>

3.1.3 BRD Updates

MD pointed out that whilst it is envisaged that the iGT BRD would need amendment, the changes would not impact upon the Modification and therefore would continue to point to the baselined document – update expected at the next meeting.

3.1.4 Funding Arrangements

BF explained that he would contact J Dixon, Ofgem to seek a progress update – *please refer to action NEX11/05 above for further details.*

3.1.5 Transitional Arrangements

Transition Migration Topic Register

In providing a brief overview of the transition migration topic register, MD advised that the existing listings would be added to this document in due course.

It is expected that in future the register will be published under 'Management Documentation' at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/ManagDoc>

UK Link Programme Business Transition Process Approach document

During an on screen review of the document, MD advised that the list of Project Nexus modifications under paragraph 1.1 would be updated as and when necessary.

In considering paragraph 2.2, and whether or not any DCC implementation changes would be considered as part of the transition process, MD indicated that these would be 'covered' under another more suitable governance regime.

In considering what constitutes Project Nexus Workgroup agreement, MD suggested this would, as previously, be by consensus.

MD advised that the information for inclusion under paragraph 3.2 would be added in due course. In concluding discussions, a new action was placed upon all parties to review the document and provide their feedback to Xoserve (MD).

Action NEX02/01: All parties to review the 'UK Link Programme Business Transition Process Approach' document and provide their feedback to Xoserve by no later than close of play on Friday 21 February to enable consideration at the 05 March meeting.

3.1.6 Uniform Network Code Validation Rules

It was suggested that this agenda item should be retained until the resolution of issues raised under item 4.1 below have taken place.

3.1.7 Performance Assurance

Consideration deferred.

3.2 New Issues

Gemini Solution Impacts

SM advised that it has been decreed elsewhere in the industry that any EU and/or Project Nexus slippage would potentially impact upon the Gemini system and the coordination of changes to that system. It was agreed to add this matter as a new item on the RAID log.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Analysis of Meter Reading Validation Tolerances proposed by Project Nexus - (British Gas presentation)

SC gave a brief outline of the presentation and highlighted some key areas of concern for British Gas.

In examining the results of their analysis, British Gas believe that the 7.86% of readings (where no override flag is set) that would have been accepted under the current rules, but not under the proposed Project Nexus validation rules, is an unacceptably high figure. However, they do believe that the 1.48% of rejected reads where an override flag is applied is a reasonable number. Looking more closely at the data set, SC suggested that the 'No Override Flag – All Rejections 21.90% value for the 10-Sep-13 is a product of seasonal profile related impacts. MD reminded those present, that the basic (Nexus) assumption has always been that you would look to validate the read first before submitting with the override flag set.

In considering the 'Conclusions and considerations' slide, and more specifically the final bullet point, SC advised that British Gas believe that we should be looking to adopt an 'either/or' option for the smaller AQ supply points. When asked whether or not, British Gas could look at trying to identify the 'nature' of the lower AQ range (i.e. breakdown the 500k MPRNs by band) SC indicated she would look to provide the baseline data to Xoserve in due course.

Action NEX02/02: British Gas (SC) to provide a copy of the British Gas data to Xoserve from the analysis to enable them to then run examples and to also look to providing a breakdown of the 500k MPRNs by AQ banding.

Action NEX02/03: Xoserve (FC/MD) to analyse the British Gas data and provide comments / views in time for consideration at the next meeting.

4.2 Senior Stakeholder Meeting Update

SM advised that at the previous days senior stakeholder meeting it had been proposed that the role and title should be changed to become the Industry Change Steering Committee.

During the meeting, Ofgem had also suggested that it is their intention to provide decisions on the Project Nexus 0432 and 0434 Modifications by 21 February.

5. Diary Planning

The following meetings are scheduled to take place during 2014:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Wednesday 05 March	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Wednesday 19 March	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Wednesday 02 April	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 15 April	Solihull	To be confirmed

10:30 Monday 12 May	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Wednesday 04 June	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Wednesday 18 June	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 08 July	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Tuesday 22 July	Solihull	To be confirmed
10:30 Monday 11 August	Solihull	To be confirmed

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
NEX10/01 (REVISED)	30/10/13	3.2.1	<i>UNC Validation Rules</i> – a) Xoserve to consider the perceived validation issue and produce scenarios; and b) <i>UNC Validation Rules</i> – All Shippers to review the revised document and the tolerances for Class 4 and report back to Xoserve with views/comments by 27 January 2014.	Xoserve (AM/MD)	Completed
	08/01/14	3.1.6		ALL Shippers	Closed
NEX11/05	07/11/13	2.1	To look to set up a discussion between interested parties to ascertain what Gemini costs have, or have not been allowed for and to come back to the Workgroup with a view on any potential future incremental Gemini funding arrangements.	Ofgem (JD)	Closed

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NEX12/03	04/12/13	2.1.6	All to submit items for the Transitional Topics Register.	All	Closed
NEX01/01	08/01/14	1.2	<i>Read Submission and treatment</i> – Xoserve to confirm how a read which passes the threshold and rolls over to the following day will be treated.	Xoserve (AM/MD)	Closed
NEX01/02 (formally 0440 01/01)	28/01/14	1.2	To discuss with C Wood (Dentons) how best to present the legal text and to even consider super imposing against the 0432/0434 legal text to make tracking the changes easier for all parties to understand.	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Carried Forward
NEX01/02 (formally 0440 01/02)	28/01/14	1.2	ES Pipelines (AP) to investigate whether or not the initial determination of the AQ by the iGT for premises not already contained within the AQ calculation table for the purposes of determining the AIGTS AQ is also 'covered off' in the IGT UNC and also to approach GH for an explanation of why paragraph IGTAD Section D2.1.2 is important to the iGTs.		Carried Forward
NEX0201	05/02/14	3.1.5	To review the 'UK Link Programme Business Transition Process Approach' document and provide their feedback to Xoserve by no later than close of play on Friday 21 February to enable consideration at the 05 March meeting.	All	Pending
NEX0202	05/02/14	4.1	To provide a copy of the British Gas data to Xoserve from the analysis to enable them to then run examples and to also look to providing a breakdown of	British Gas (SC)	Pending

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			the 500k MPRNs by AQ banding.		
NEX0203	05/02/14	4.1	To analyse the British Gas data and provide comments / views in time for consideration at the next meeting.	Xoserve (FC/MD)	Pending