

Uniform Network Code Committee

Minutes of the 131st Meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2015
at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total A Margan (AM), British Gas C Hill (CH), Cooperative Energy P Broom (PM), GDF Suez R Fairholme (RF), E.ON UK	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution D Mitchell (DM), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities F Healey (FH), National Grid NTS

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair	A Rooney (AR), Ofgem	C Alexander (CA), Consumer Focus

Also in Attendance:

A Charalambous* (AC), Npower; D Addison (DA), Xoserve; H Chapman (HC), Xoserve; E Merai* (AM), Npower; K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office; P Ratledge* (PR), Npower and R Fletcher (BF), Secretary.

* by teleconference

131.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

D Mitchell for E Melen (Scotia Gas Networks)
R Pomroy for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities)

131.2 Apologies for Absence

E Melen and S Edwards.

131.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

UNCC129/02: To request the UKLC to engage with the UKLIEF to consider how to manage industry readiness and go-live assurance for the implementation for Project Nexus.

Update: LJ provided an overview of the proposed approach being put forward by Ofgem at the Change Overview Board (COB). The aim is to deliver a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which provides a committee with the required authority for go/no go decisions. They are intending to appoint a project assurance manager who would provide evidence to the committee to aid its decisions. LJ suggested members review the last COB minutes for further details: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/cob/120115>.

AM asked about the obligations for delivery, what will the test for go/no go would be. LJ advised that this is currently being developed with the aid of Xoserve. Tests will be developed to understand the materiality of parties not being able to meet the process go live test and how this would impact overall industry readiness.

LJ advised that Ofgem aimed to provide draft documents for industry consideration by the end of next week and with the proposed MoU in place by the end of February.

Closed

131.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) UK Link Programme File Format Approvals

Reiterating the issues from the previous meeting, DA explained that UK Link Committee (UKLC) has reviewed 220+ files and products associated with the implementation of Project Nexus on 01 October 2015. The approval process failed to achieve a consensus on 4 products and therefore these were being escalated/submitted to UNCC for approval.

These products are critical to delivery of the programme and therefore a decision is required to remove uncertainty for industry participants.

RF challenged why the UNCC were being asked to agree/approve these products, why cant UKLC reach a decision. LJ advised that UKLC is a sub-committee of UNCC and therefore if they fail to reach a consensus, their formal escalation route is back to UNCC who can make a decision based on a majority vote.

DA advised that a failure to achieve a majority vote in favour today would potentially impact the UK Link replacement build schedule and potentially delivery of systems for 01

October 2015. AG challenged that other parties may have their build schedules disrupted if products were approved that they couldn't accommodate which would potentially impact their readiness for 01 October.

DA agreed in part but felt that some Users may be able to schedule delivery of systems based on the types of products they intend to use in Nexus, whereas Xoserve have to be able delivery all the requirements on day one so faced a more complex challenge.

AP clarified that UNCC is being requested to approve 4 products as UKLC was not able to reach a consensus.

The UNCC approved the following products by majority vote (see the voting record below for details):

- Records associated with the Network Operator Change Notification (*.STN) File
- Records associated with the iGT Unregistered Site Notification to Shipper (*.SWN) File
- Records associated with the Retrospective Adjustment File and Response (*.RTO / *.RTR) File
- Treatment of Confirmation Reference Number

b) 2016 RbD Audit Sub committee recommendation

BF advised that the RbD Sub committee had recommended that the 2016 RbD audit is suspended. Members unanimously agreed with the recommendation that the 2016 RbD audit should be suspended.

PB asked if would be appropriate for an audit to be carried out to close down RbD following the implementation of Project Nexus. CW explained that he would be raising transitional modifications for Nexus related topics for the next Pane and one of these could include such a requirement if needed. The intention is to discuss this possibility at the Project Nexus Workgroup meeting.

131.5 Any Other Business

a) Approval of the AUG Table

AP advised that Transporters intend to present the AUG table for approval at the next UNCC meeting and that members would asked to vote for its approval.

b) Modification 0506A - Gas Performance Assurance Framework and Governance Arrangements

AM wanted to draw members attention to Modification 0506A as it aims to create a sub committee which reports to the UNCC on Performance Assurance matters. He advised that the UNCC may need to create this sub-committee at the time of Nexus implementation. CW clarified that the committee proposed in Modification 0506 creates a committee independent of UNCC, and that is one of the main differences between the two modifications.

131.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 19 February 2015, at the ENA, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table – UNCC

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 129/02	20/11/14		To request the UKLC to engage with the UKLIEF to consider how to manage industry readiness and go-live assurance for the implementation for Project Nexus Action transferred from Modification Panel 20 November	UKLC	Closed

Record of Determinations: UNCC Meeting 15 January 2015

Product	Shipper Voting Members					Transporter Voting Members					Vote Outcome
	AG	AM	CH	PB	RF	CW	DM	JF	RP	FH	
Records associated with the Network Operator Change Notification (*.STN) File	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Product approved with 9 votes in favour and 1 vote against
Records associated with the iGT Unregistered Site Notification to Shipper (*.SWN) File	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Product approved with 8 votes in favour and 2 votes against
Records associated with the Retrospective Adjustment File and Response (*.RTO / *.RTR) File	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Product approved with 9 votes in favour and 1 vote against
Treatment of Confirmation Reference Number	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Product approved with 8 votes in favour and 2 votes against

In favour	Not in Favour	No Vote Cast	Not Present	
✓	X	NV	NP	