Project Nexus Update for UK-Link Committee 12th January 2012 as of 9th January 2012

Xoserve's Project Nexus is defining industry requirements for the nature and scope of its services to support the future shape of the gas industry.

Since the last UK-Link Committee update two further days of Project Nexus industry meetings have taken place. Progress on the seven topics in hand is as follows:

The Business Requirements Documents have now been baselined and published on Joint Office website for the following three Topics:

- "Settlement" (i.e. use of Meter Readings in Daily Allocation and Settlement)
- Reconciliation
- AQ

Supply Point Register: a final draft of the business rules was issued for industry comments, which were due back on 30 December. The aim is to review any comments and agree a final version of the requirements at the 10 January meeting.

The **Invoicing** topic is at the same stage as Supply Point Register: comments were due back on 30 December with a view to agreeing the final version on 10 January.

Work is also ongoing on **Retrospective Updates**, defining changes to current arrangements based on the original Project Nexus Initial Requirements Register. The **Non-Functional** Requirements topic is defining generic requirements relating to "how" services are delivered or accessed, rather than "what" the services are. Business Requirements Documents have been drafted for both Topics, for further discussion at Project Nexus UNC Workgroup in January.

The workshop timetable targets January 2012 for completion of the programme of requirements definition. PN UNC Workgroup is also discussing the approach to raising and progressing Modifications following the approval of Business Requirements Documents by the Workgroup. Ofgem has indicated that it will conduct a Benefits Assessment with the Industry as the next step. No changes could be made to Xoserve's services without an approved UNC Modification, whose implementation would be overseen by UKLink Committee.

Representatives of Independent Gas Transporters have confirmed their support for the centralisation of certain common transporter services. Funding of any resulting changes/enhancements to Xoserve's systems has not yet been agreed, but the next PN UNC Workgroup will discuss how best to gather any additional Project Nexus requirements as a result of this change.

More information in respect of previous PNUNC meetings can be found at: <u>http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/2011</u>

Future Meetings

PN UNC Workgroup – 10th January 2012 PN UNC Workgroup – 24th January 2012 Project Nexus Advisory Group (PNAG) – 13th February 2012

More information in respect of previous PNAG meetings can be found at: <u>http://www.xoserve.co.uk/nexus_PNAG.asp</u>

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