

Project Nexus Update for UK-link Committee 11th February 2010 **as of 4th February 2010**

Since the last UK-Link Committee update several Project Nexus industry meetings have taken place, namely Project Nexus Advisory Group (PNAG) on the 14th January; 2 meetings of the PNUNC Allocation Principle Topic Workgroup (15th & 29th January) and the Project Nexus UNC Workstream (PNUNC) on the 18th January 2010.

PNAG – 14th January 2010

The main purpose of the meeting was to understand what implication if any the recently published DECC's Consultation Conclusion (Towards a Smarter Future – December 2009) had on Project Nexus. The three areas of direct interest were DECC's confirmation that there will be a CCP, the government's intention to mandate the installation of Smart meters for sites with a consumption of less than 732,000kwh and further detail on the plan for the Smart Implementation Programme (SMIP).

The discussion concentrated on the mandate for non-domestic sites. xoserve presented a revised approach for gathering the requirements for the sites that would attract AMR equipment (above 732,000kwh consumption). The proposal is based on the defining the requirements over and above those for Daily Metering Elective (DME). This would require a fewer number of workshops, compared to the previous approach and would ease the pressure on industry resources. A suggestion of 10 workshops was proposed. PNAG supported this proposal.

PNUNC – 18th January 2010

The group agreed the ToR for the Principle Topic Workgroup with some minor amendments.

The revised approach for defining the AMR Requirements, supported by PNAG, was discussed and agreed with PNUNC. xoserve were asked to prepare a revised AMR Topic Workgroup ToR and revised timetable. The ToR to include some of the areas discussed at the meeting, eg DM Unbundling. The ToR and timetable to be discussed at PNUNC on the 16th February 2010.

PNUNC – Allocation Workgroup

At the time of writing 2 out of the 4 meetings of the workgroup had taken place, with another one due on the 8th February. The group have been looking at 'allocation' options that could be viable in the future. This has included any transitional arrangement. The group are due to complete their activities at the end of February 2010. (More information in respect of the options being discussed can be found at <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/2010>)

Future Meetings

PNAG – 15th February 2010

PNUNC – 16th February 2010

Allocation Topic Workgroup – 8th & 24th February 2010