
UK LINK Committee Minutes

Thursday 11 September 2008

Teleconference

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Ali Tayyar	(AT)	StatoilHydro
Caroline Watson	(CW)	xoserve
Danielle King	(DK)	E.ON UK plc
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Mitch Donnelly	(MD)	British Gas
Nicola Rigby	(NR)	National Grid NTS
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower

Apologies

Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
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1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions.

UKL 1131 – xoserve (DA) informed members that this action would be covered elsewhere in the meeting. Please see item 3.0.

Chair (JB) asked, and members agreed to close the action.

Action UKL1131: Closed

UKL 1143 – xoserve (DA) informed members that he had no specific update on what will be involved in the implementation of the Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements to provide at this meeting. However, it was his intention to provide one at the October meeting. He went on to add that his xoserve colleagues would be looking to issue a communication following the October meeting.

Chair (JB) asked, and members agreed to carry forward the action.

Action UKL1143: Carried Forward

UKL 1144 – xoserve (DA) informed members that he did not believe that the proposed AQ catch up process would be as significant an exercise as those previously undertaken.

MB pointed out that historically problems associated with rejected flows have been traced to the AQ window timing issues. DA responded by indicating that xoserve do not believe that there are any fundamental underlying issues which would cause this. CW added that the last catch up exercise was not expected to be completed until the Tuesday, but was in fact completed by the Sunday. DA will issue a communication, to committee members, relating to this matter in due course.

Chair (JB) asked, and members agreed to carry forward the action.

Action UKL1144: Carried Forward

2. Other Industry Fora

Chair (JB) provided members with a verbal update on all recently “closed” UNC modifications that would require a UK Link Change, and advised them that the modification reports are available to view and download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site

- 0202 “Improvement to More Frequent Readings Provisions to allow benefits of AMR”. The Authority have directed implementation and discussions between the Transporters and xoserve are ongoing regarding identification of an appropriate effective implementation date.

DA informed members that the changes are limited to xoserve systems only and do not include any new rejection codes and that a communication seeking members views on a suitable date would be issued the following day, Friday 12/09/08 as part of the change pack.

Members indicated that they would support this approach to agreeing an implementation date as long as there were no adverse comments returned, and

- 0210 “Implementation of DNPC03 (LDZ System Charges – Capacity/Commodity Split and Interruptible Discounts), the Alignment of Failure to Interrupt Charges and the Alignment of the IFA Charge”. Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 01/10/2008. Additionally, this modification is related to CR13885 in the Implementation Plan. See item 3.0 below.

JB then provided attendees with an update (by exception) on the “live” UNC modifications with a potential impact upon UK Link systems, specifically highlighting the following status changes since the previous meeting:

- 0116 suite “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements” and 0195/0195AV “Introduction of Enduring NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements”. All the modifications are ‘on target’ for a November 08 decision;
- 0208 “Information relating to Unallocated Energy”. Review Group work is ongoing and the Uniform Network Code panel have granted an extension until 19/02/09;
- 0209 “Rolling AQ”. Development Work Group are next scheduled to meet on Monday 15/09/08 with a view to concluding their work. However, an extension may be required, and
- 0217 “Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements”. The next scheduled meeting for this review group is immediately following the October UK Link Committee meeting. This is to enable National Grid NTS sufficient time to undertake their investigations relating to their outstanding actions. Please note that the impacts of this review are limited to UK Link manual changes only.

JB informed members that there had been no Operational Forum meeting since the August UK Link Committee meeting.

3. UK Link Modification Implementation Plan (and review of UK Link Modification Status Report)

3.1 IAD Application Changes: Phase 1 Single Concurrent User

xoserve (DA) apologised to members advising them that this change request should really appear on the ‘Scheduled for Implementation’ list on page 4.

Details of this change are included in the outage report contained within the 'xoserve Report Pack'. Please see item 5.0 below. The change remains 'on track' for 11/10/08 implementation.

Please note: copies of the various UPUG meeting minutes are/will be available to view or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/industryinfo/UPDocs/Meetings2008/>

3.2 CSEPS System Change

xoserve (DA) reminded members that this change relates to the provision of an invoice number within the CSEPS reconciliation file.

Analysis has been undertaken and two (2x) options identified.

- Option 1 – similar in concept to the CEP File change in August 2007, and
- Option 2 – Various invoice numbers being presented on the same invoice line.

DA informed members that E.ON UK (the proposer) prefers option 1. He proposed, therefore, to issue a communication highlighting the matter within Friday's change pack. However, analysis had highlighted that this would result in significant increase in the number of records in the invoice files, and that this might impact users receiving large files, particularly if they used offline tools for invoice validation. As a consequence, xoserve had tabled option 2 for consideration.

DA went on to advise members that discussions are underway with the Transporters with a view to identifying the most appropriate way in which to fund this potentially UK Link Class 3 change request. SGN (JM) added that the Transporters are looking to canvas members views on this matter especially as it remains uncertain as to what level of support 'other' Shippers may offer. Additionally, he would check with xoserve whether they would support issuing their analysis information as part of the communication to facilitate informed decision making by all parties.

MD suggested that the communication would benefit from having a brief explanation of the rationale included.

DA acknowledged members' comments and agreed to issue a communication in due course.

Action UKL1145: xoserve (DA) and Scotia Gas Networks (JM) to liaise on compiling a communication relating to the two (2x) CSEPS System Change Options, including clarification of the proposal rationale.

3.3 Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements

xoserve (DA) informed members that he intends to issue a communication relating to this matter next month. JB pointed out that these arrangements have been implemented using existing UK Link functionality.

3.4 CR13885 – Application of interruptible capacity discounts following a change in capacity/commodity split

xoserve (DA) informed members that this change is currently in development and remains 'on track' for a 13/09/08 implementation.

3.5 CR13950 – Gemini Release Summer 2008

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change was implemented on 17/08/08.

3.6 CR13958 – Revised LDZ Shrinkage Arrangements

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change was implemented on 17/08/08.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

4.1 Topic 009UKL Gemini Contingency Arrangements

Chair (JB) pointed out that this matter had already been discussed. See item 2.0 above.

5. Performance Reporting

xoserve (CW) reviewed the xoserve report pack by exception only.

5.1 IS Faults logged by Shippers (xoserve Report A).

This report was accepted.

5.2 UK-Link Business Support Agreement (xoserve Report B)

xoserve (CW) advised members that a fault relating to the August 2008 information had been fixed last week and further details on its resolution will be provided at the October meeting. Thereafter, the report was then accepted.

Action UKL1146: xoserve (CW) to provide details on the resolution of the fault in the August 2008 information set.

5.3 Liabilities Report (xoserve Report C)

This report was accepted.

5.4 Report on Performance Problems

This report was accepted.

6. File Format and Urgent Communications (xoserve Report D)

When asked, members indicated that they had received Nexus Stage 2 Consultation Document communication. (EH/861/GF). Thereafter, the report was then accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

xoserve (DA) provided a brief review of the planned outages as follows:

- Gemini – a recurring item over the last few months, but he is confident it will go in this time. Scheduled within a maintenance window to minimise impact. When asked, CW agreed to check if a formal notification had been issued;
- IAD – contingency date is to cater for any implementation problems;
- Gemini Failover/Failback – looking to schedule prior to winter;
- UK Link systems and Gemini – clock changes only, and
- UK Link systems – discussed at August meeting and remains on the list for visibility purposes.

Thereafter this report was accepted.

8. AOB

- Members discussed the possibility of receiving rejection notices when utilising the 'Reply to All' option when responding to emails released by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters. Chair (JB) pointed out that in the event that any user receives a rejection notice after selecting this option, parties can be confident that the data protection security measures are acting as expected, and
- xoserve (CW) updated members on the M2K (UK Link Data Centre) Kettering move by advising them that the failover to Peterborough exercise went well. Furthermore, the equipment is now being moved from Wellingborough to Kettering on 15th and 16th September 08.

9. Next Meeting

The October UK Link Committee meeting will commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 09 October 2008 and be a teleconference. *Please note: the next meeting of Review Group 0217 is also scheduled to take place immediately after this meeting at the Elexon Office in London.*

APPENDIX A

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee 11 September 2008

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UKL 1131	10/04/08	1.2 (8.0)	Discuss potential change to the CSEP Reconciliation backing data format to 'mirror' the CSEP Invoice File with the Transporters.	xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1143	14/08/08	1.2 (3.3)	Provide a more detailed description of what will be involved in the implementation of the Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements change request in April 2009 to the September 08 meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at October 08 meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1144	14/08/08	1.2 (8.0)	Provide a more detailed update on the AQ batch catch-up process at the September 08 meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at October 08 meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1145	11/09/08	3.2	Liaise on compiling a communication relating to the two (2x) CSEPS System Change Options, including clarification of the proposal rationale.	xoserve (DA) and SGN (JM)	Update due at October 08 meeting.
UKL 1146	11/09/08	3.2	Provide details on the resolution of the fault in the August 2008 information set.	xoserve (CW)	Update due at October 08 meeting.

*** Key to action owners**

DA Dave Addison, xoserve

CW Caroline Watson, xoserve

JM Joel Martin, Scotia Gas Networks