

UK LINK Committee Minutes

Thursday 12 February 2009

Teleconference

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Ashley Collins	(AC)	EDF Energy
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
James Smith	(JS)	EDF Energy
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS
Simon Howe	(SH)	RWE Npower
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	xoserve

Apologies

Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower

1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions.

UKL 1150 – Chair (JB) informed members that he informed the Uniform Network Code Committee of their decision to waive the request for a formal performance audit, in respect of the 2007/08 Gas Year, on 15/01/09.

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

Action UKL 1150: Closed

UKL 1151 – xoserve (DA) informed members that communication CB/889/DA, relating to the ad-hoc charge types resulting from the implementation of UNC modification 0192, was issued on 04/02/09.

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

Action UKL 1151: Closed

2. Other Industry Fora

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

- 0116 suite “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements” and 0195/0195AV “Introduction of Enduring NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements”. Chair (JB) informed members that the Authority had approved 0195AV and rejected the remainder of the suite of modifications. The effective date for 0195AV is 01/04/09 and members should note that there will be a need to undertake manual operations during 2009 whilst awaiting the ‘full’ systematised solution sometime in 2010. DA advised members that he could not provide a clear indication of the anticipated rollout date

in 2010 but would investigate the progress of the system change work with his xoserve colleagues and report back to the March meeting;

- 0192 “Introduction of DNO obligations to facilitate resolution of unresolved USRVs”. Chair (JB) pointed out that this had already been discussed under UKL 1151 above, and
- 0226 “Additional Data Requirements for the Administration of CSEP Supply Points”. Chair (JB) informed members that there are no anticipated UKLink system impacts, as these are restricted to the non UK Link CSEP system.

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:

- 0209 “Rolling AQ”. Development Workgroup work is ongoing with the next meeting scheduled for 03/03/09 to consider the draft legal text. Some system impacts are anticipated. The group are expected to present their final report at the April 09 panel meeting;
- 0213V “Introduction of User Pays Governance Arrangements into the UNC”. The Final Modification Report will be presented to the February 09 Panel for their consideration;
- 0217 “Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements”. The Review Group are scheduled to meet following the UK Link Committee meeting, with a view to it being the final meeting (subject to the members being happy to conclude business). Submission of the Final Review Group Report to be made to the March 09 Panel ;
- 0219 “Publication of UK Wholesale Gas Market Liquidity Data”. Has potential Class 1 Gemini interface related impacts – some data may flow between Gemini and the National Grid web site. Currently awaiting an Authority decision;
- 0224 “Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime”. Development Work Group (DWG) work is ongoing with UK Link system impacts being anticipated for DM Elective Regime participants.

xoserve (DA) apologised to members that the draft development plan had been issued to the UK Link Committee members in error, and that in fact, this plan will NOT require a UK Link Committee review at this stage. However, members should be aware that they may be contacted by a DWG member to discuss matters in more detail. Furthermore, should the work of the DWG conclude in the raising of a new UNC modification, this would be subject to the appropriate UK Link governance procedures.

The Group are expected to request an extension at the February 09 Panel,;

- 0227 “Implementation of an Industry AMR database to facilitate the change of supply process”. Allocated to the Distribution Workstream for consideration with a panel report expected in April 09;
- 0228/0228A “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy”. Anticipate some system impacts. The Final Modification Report will be presented to the February 09 Panel for their consideration;
- 0229 “Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified gas”. Distribution Workstream work is ongoing;
- 0233 “Changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Indebtedness Calculation”. Chair (JB) informed members that it is looking increasingly likely that a revised proposal will be developed in the near future – this may involve quite a lot of systems work, and

- 0238 “Amendment to Protected Information Provisions to facilitate DNO compliance with SPAA Schedule 23”. Chair (JB) advised members that this will not impact UK Link systems as it is restricted to SCOGES IAD changes only. Currently awaiting an Authority decision.

JB advised members that the Operational Forum had met on Wednesday 11/02/09, at which xoserve had provided a Gemini update highlighting the following points of interest:

- no outages have taken place over the last three (3) months;
- provided a ‘heads up’ on the offline disaster recovery exercise, and
- a full Disaster Recovery test is scheduled for later in 2009, although the actual dates are yet to be confirmed (please see item 7 on the agenda).

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

3.1 COR 1284 – Introduction of DNO Obligations to Facilitate Resolution of Unresolved USRV’s

xoserve (DA) informed members that this change relates specifically to UNC modification 0192 and as a result would ‘normally’ be considered as a Class 2. However, as it only relates to ad-hoc charge type changes, it is on the implementation plan for visibility purposes only.

Members should note that whilst implementation is scheduled for 21/02/09, the 1st invoice charge types (ad-hoc USRV resolution) will not be visible until April 09. Members agreed to the implementation date of this change.

3.2 COR 1072 – Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements

xoserve (DA) advised members that the change remains ‘on track’ for a 17/05/09 implementation.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

4.1 Topic 009UKL Gemini Contingency Arrangements

Chair (JB) informed members that Review Group 0217 are now meeting immediately following the UK Link Committee, where it is hoped to sign off the high level contingency arrangements documentation and procedures. Furthermore, a new UNC Modification Proposal may follow in due course.

All related documentation, including the majority of the proposed process flow and procedural documentation, is available to view and/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Reviews/Rev0217/>

5. Performance Reporting

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

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

When considering the report, RWE (SH) enquired as to why the ‘faults outstanding’ figures appear not to have changed month on month. In response, DA suggested that this is more likely to be a reflection of the reporting mechanisms, rather than an error in the figures themselves – xoserve report the figures at the end of the month, and as a consequence, he is confident that the majority (if not all) of the faults should have been resolved by now.

Continuing discussions, DA informed members that the ‘P’ reference in the P1 to P5 range relates to the severity of a fault, whereby, P1 is a severe fault, which more often than not, impacts upon multiple users and P5 is a more localised fault, more often than not, restricted to an impact to a single user. Members voiced their

concerns that due to the nature of the various SLA's (Service Level Agreements and their respective timelines) in place, many of the P4 & P5 faults could potentially roll-over from one month to the next thereby compounding the problem of potentially inaccurate reporting.

Members suggested that a change in the reporting format to show either, faults which have been cleared, or alternatively, faults where the Standards of Service have NOT been met in a period, would be more beneficial than the current standing. In response, DA advised that he will need to look into the suggestions and compare these to the fault reporting requirements as defined within the UK Link Manual, as he believes that the current provision 'matches' the requirements.

In closing, DA agreed to take an action to investigate what changes could be made to the format of the fault reports and report back to the March meeting.

Thereafter, this report was accepted.

Action UKL 1152: xoserve (DA) to investigate what changes could be made to the format of the fault reporting reports and report back to the March 09 meeting.

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

Chair (JB) provided a brief run through of the figures suggesting that they indicate that Gemini is performing well.

Thereafter, the report was accepted.

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)

This report was accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

xoserve (DA) advised members that he had no update on the actual dates of the three Gemini outages– the actual dates will be confirmed in due course.

In closing, DA agreed to take an action to provide an update on the Gemini Exit changes at the March meeting.

Action UKL 1153: xoserve (DA) to provide an update on the Gemini Exit changes at the March meeting.

8. AOB

None.

9. Next Meeting

The March 2009 UK Link Committee meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 12 March 2009 and will be held via a teleconference.

APPENDIX A

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee 12 February 2009

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UKL 1150	15/01/09	1.2 (1.2)	Inform the UNCC that the UKLC had decided to waive the request for a formal performance audit (in respect of the 2007/08 Gas Year).	Joint Office (JB)	Completed 15/01/09. Closed
UKL 1151	15/01/09	2 (1.2)	Provide information on new ad-hoc charge types as a result of implementing UNC Proposal 0192 to the UK Link circulation list	xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1152	12/02/09	5.1	Investigate what changes could be made to the format of the fault reports and report back to the March 09 meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at 12 March meeting.
UKL 1153	12/02/09	7	Provide an update on the Gemini Exit changes at the March 09 meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at 12 March meeting.

* Key to action owner

DA David Addison, xoserve