

UK LINK Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 14 June 2012
via teleconference

Attendees

Mike Berrisford (Chair)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Earnshaw	(AE)	Xoserve
Ashley Collins	(AC)	EDF Energy
Dave Ackers	(DAc)	Xoserve
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Debbie Jones	(DJ)	Xoserve
Jane Rocky	(JR)	Xoserve
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Matthew Rider	(MR)	Xoserve
Tracey Barber	(TB)	Xoserve
Trevor Clark	(TC)	E.ON UK
Wyn Hodgekiss	(WH)	DONG Energy

Please refer to: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/140612 for supporting papers.

1. Review of Minutes, Action and Modifications

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

UKL1103: Xoserve to review the contingency procedures that exist in the UK Link manual

Update: DA advised that work remains ongoing. **Carried Forward**

UKLC0501: Xoserve Project Team to provide firm implementation dates for the Q Project.

Update: Please refer to item 3.0 PAWS (including Project Q) update below. **Carried Forward**

UKLC0502: Volunteers to be nominated by 18 May 2012 to participate in User regression testing.

Update: Please refer to item 2.1.1. below for more details. **Closed**

UKLC0503: All parties to review the use of a supplier effective date within the SUN file and provide a view on the retention of the file.

Update: DA explained that there is no effective date within SUN file so the processing date is used as the effective date. Xoserve believe that the issue raised surrounds that the use of the file without a supplier effective which could result in an incorrectly recorded date on the system. Steve Mulinganie had advised the Joint Office that the

Xoserve systems hold a Supplier Effective From Date (EFD) which means that if the EFD were to be added to the existing SUN file, the SUN file could continue to be supported the SUN file while also being able to identify the relevant Suppliers EFD. Gazprom therefore proposed an alternative approach to the removal of the SUN file as follows: Add a Supplier EFD field to the SUN File which could then be used to update the Supplier EFD held by Xoserve. This field can then be used as part of the DELTA to the DCC to ensure the DCC has a correct view of the Supplier EFD to manage access control.

AC believed this was an exception file rather than a business as usual file and he believed the file would be used typically to change the supplier ID. AC was keen to see the model proposed by Gazprom.

It was agreed to obtain more information from Gazprom for the next meeting.

Carried Forward

1.3. Modifications

MiB confirmed that three modifications had been raised since last month:

- [0427 - Estimated Opening Meter Reads Code Amendment](#)
- [0428 - Single Meter Supply Points](#)
- [0429 - Customer Settlement Error Claims Process](#)

It was anticipated that Modification 0428 would have an impact on UK Link systems.

Post Meeting Note: [0410A - Responsibility for gas off-taken at Unregistered Sites following New Network Connections](#) raised on 23 May 2012 is also expected to have an impact on UK Link systems.

2. Xoserve Reporting

Please refer to www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/140612 for supporting reports.

2.1. UK Link Modification Implementation Plan

2.1.1. Current UK Link Changes awaiting scheduling – Not Implemented

CRN1000.1 Introduction of Enhanced File Transfer

DA reported a communication had been issued about the use of two log files, he explained that the cut-over approach is not yet finalised however it is likely to be application by application. DA confirmed that two responses had been received asking questions about the log files which have been provided to the UK Link Committee. DA explained that the log files are used for a manual look up and it was not anticipated that the use of two log files would cause a problem. Xoserve presuming that two log files were acceptable wished to continue to process the EFT change. It was agreed that the communication would be provided on the website for those who hadn't seen the communication to see the matrix.

Discontinuation of ANS Usage for interruption Communications by Transporters

DA confirmed that the UNC Panel was considering the Self-Governance Modification 0414S on the 21 June 2012 and if the Panel determine that the modification should be made the changes will be effective after 16 days. Xoserve expected to manage this as a Class 1 Change if approved. There was no objections made to managing this as a Class 1 Change. A communication will be provided to confirm the process. DA highlighted that the communication will also provide an update on another Class 1 change which was issued on 20 January 2012, regarding the Xoserve Helpdesk number.

CRN2609 - Removal of Shipper Information Service

DA confirmed analysis is continuing with National Grid, an update should be available after the July meeting.

2.1.2. Current UK Link Changes Approved – Scheduled for Implementation**CRN962 to 962.19 inclusive – Q&WM**

Please refer to item 3.0 below for more details.

CRN 1721 – Extension to EUC Numeric Code

DA reported the actual implementation date of 07 July 2012. He explained that first shipper visibility of the T67 within the EUC file will be from 30 August and transmitted to Shippers from 03 September. MB asked if this is expected towards the beginning or the end of the day. Xoserve agreed to confirm the timing of issue.

New Action 0601: Xoserve (DA) to confirm the anticipated timing of the T67 on 03 September 2012.

CRN 1721.1 – Data Items with Limited Remaining Values

See update 1721.

CRN 2005.3 – Exit Reform Phase 3 – External Screen Pack

MR confirmed the planned implementation on 29 July 2012 with two weeks left for User Testing. He reported that a communication had been issued about API testing during July and August and Xoserve are in the process of setting up testing with Shippers however there are only limited interest at the moment with seven users. He suggested that UK Link Committee members may wish to check their involvement. AM expressed an interest for British Gas to be involved. AC agreed to check internally that RWE npower would be involved.

CRN 2005.1 – Exit Reform Phase 3 – API Guidance & Specifications

See update 1721.

CRN 2005.2 – Exit Reform Phase 3 – Invoice File Formats

See update 1721.

CRN1000.9 - IX Upgrade (IX Kit Replacement)

DA confirmed implementation would start in August 2012.

CRN1377.1 – DN Recovery of NTS Exit Zone Capacity Charges – SPA Files

DA reported the change remains on track, with a scheduled implementation on the 21 September 2012.

CRN2005.2 Exit Reform Phase 3 – Invoice File Formats

DA reported scheduled implementation on the 01 November 2012. See update 1721.

CRN1377.2/3 - DN Recovery of NTS Exit Zone Capacity Charges – Invoicing & Supporting Docs + Offline & Adhoc Invoicing File

DA reported the change remains on track with a scheduled implementation date of 06 November 2012. DA confirmed that Xoserve issued a Change pack to confirm a change from the D40 to E40 line within the SEP file, this was confirmed to ensure users were okay with the change.

2.1.3. UK Link Changes – Implemented since last UK Link Committee Meeting

CRN 2087.1 – Online Solution for AUGE (MOD229)

DA reported a successful implementation on 11 May 2012.

CRN 1987.1 – AQ Tolerance Change – Rejection Code

DA reported a successful implementation on 25 May 2012.

CRN 1987.2 - AQ Tolerance Change - Report

DA reported a successful implementation on 25 May 2012.

2.2. Performance Reporting – Monthly Report

All Reports accepted.

2.3. File Format and Urgent Communications (Xoserve Report D)

Xoserve confirmed that the same number had inadvertently been used twice for two different communications. Thereafter the report was accepted.

2.4. Planned Outages

Report accepted.

3. Xoserve Strategic Initiatives

Gemini Re-platforming Project (GRP)

AE provided a [Gemini Re-platforming Project User Readiness Testing Overview](#). The presentation providing details of the external user testing and cutover plan.

AE invited parties to become involved with some connectively testing however he confirmed that there were no coding changes.

AE recommended that all external users perform an online screen access test, an API connective test, file transfer tests and IX and XP1 connection test, and a connection to legacy Gemini text, these were included within the presentation along with an email address to register participation.

AE agreed to provide a communication to ensure users are aware of the testing.

Project Nexus

DA provided a [Project Nexus Update](#).

The presentation provided details of the External Business Requirement Document (BRDs) that have been approved, the development of the Logical Data and Process Models, the technology and architecture options.

DA confirmed that Xoserve are working with an assumption that the changes will be in place towards the end of 2015 and the implementation strategy is being worked on.

AC believed there would be four phases for the implementation however Xoserve anticipated three phased, however this is still arbitrary and updates will be provided.

MB asked about the cost estimates, there was no change, believed to have been made, to the initial cost estimate.

IX Project

DA gave a presentation [COR1000 Telecoms UK Link Update V1A](#) providing details of the next steps, the schedule and communication approach. The presentation provided details of the geographical rollout schedule starting with Scotland.

SMIP

DA provided a [SMIP Requirements Overview](#).

The presentation provided details of the SMIP foundation stage solution, the development considerations and the data items.

PAWS (including Q Update)

JR confirmed that the UAT being undertaken is near completion and has had a positive response, with no critical issues arising.

However Xoserve have identified some other bugs in the underlying application software and there are other technical issues Xoserve have not got fixes for, they were therefore not in a position to provide a firm implementation date. The issues are being worked on and an update is anticipated at the end of June.

DJ referred to a presentation provided with the Change Pack Communication Ref: LJ/1134/DJ, Subject: Q Project Pack for UK Link on the 14th June 2012.

The presentation included details of some proposed changes, these included changes to the Filter Failure Download (FFD), the USP User Pays Invoice Supporting Information file, which Xoserve would like to make.

AC challenged the ability to download the FFD file and expressed he wouldn't like this ability to be removed.

A communication was intended to be issued to provide further clarification.

DJ confirmed the testing of Access Controls for PAWS has identified certain special characters cannot be used in future user IDs, the presentation included what can and cannot be used within the User IDs. It was clarified this does not affect the password conventions.

DAC provided some illustrations on the current and new conquest search facilities, with the results provided in a table format. He explained the different type of searches that can be made and how these can be undertaken.

4. AOB

Communications

DA confirmed that a Change Pack would be issued.

5. Diary Planning

Details of all meetings can be found at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

10:00, 12 July 2012, Teleconference

10:00, 09 August 2012, Teleconference

10:00, 13 September 2012, Teleconference

10:00, 11 October 2012, Teleconference

10:00, 08 November 2012, Teleconference

10:00, 13 December 2012, Teleconference

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UKL 1103	10/11/11	2.1.1	Xoserve to review the contingency procedures that exist in the UK Link manual	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
UKL 0501	10/05/12	2.1.2	Xoserve Project Team to provide firm implementation dates for the Q Project.	Xoserve (JR)	Carried Forward
UKL 0502	10/05/12	3.0	Volunteers to be nominated by 18 May 2012 to participate in User regression testing.	All	Closed
UKL 0503	10/05/12	4.1	All parties to review the use of a supplier effective date within the SUN file and provide a view on the retention of the file.	All	Carried Forward
UKL 0601	14/06/12	2.1.2	Xoserve to confirm the anticipated timing of the T67 on 03 September 2012.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending