

UK LINK Committee Minutes
Thursday 12 January 2006
held at Elexon, 350, Euston Road, London

Attendees

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| John Bradley | (JB) | Joint Office |
| Dennis Rachwal | (DR) | Joint Office |
| Mike Berrisford | (MiB) | Joint Office |
| Caroline Purcell | (CP) | xoserve |
| Annie Griffith | (AG) | xoserve |
| Dave Addison | (DA) | xoserve |
| David Mayne | (DN) | RWE npower |
| Colette Baldwin | (CB) | EON UK |
| Graham Wood | (GW) | BGT |
| Bryan Donnelly | (BD) | Scottish Power |
| Hazel Doyle | (HD) | EDF Energy |
| Dan Simons | (DS) | EDF Energy |
| Mick Curtis | (MC) | $e=mc^2$ |
| Tiago Vasconcelos | (TV) | for Total Gas and Power |
| Arti Shah | (AS) | Statoil |
| Fiona Cottam | (FC) | xoserve |

1. Review of Minutes and Actions**1.1. Minutes**

The minutes from December meeting were accepted with the following clarification in 3.2: that the transporters had never indicated CR 13658 was anything other than a Class 3 Modification. The only change was that transporters could no longer absorb the cost within a package of other changes. Also, Scottish Power requested that action UKL 1001 remain open such that there is opportunity to review the communication from xoserve on current system functionality.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions. Further detail on UKL 1017, Gemini Performance reporting is provided in section 4 and the presentation circulated with these minutes.

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

DA referred to the communication NR/589/NR circulated on 5-Jan-06 - Representation responses on Change Requests (CRs) 12494, 13658, 13681, and 13693, and sought to progress agreement on implementation plans.

2.1 CR 12494 Addition of 'Prevailing AQ' and 'Prevailing EUC' to CSEP (CEP) Invoice

Action UKL1011 Closed Consultation conducted and reported.

The Committee agreed to the plan without functional amendment and with an implementation date of 25-Mar-06.

2.2 CR 13658 Replication of enhancement of Gemini API functionality

The Committee accepted the outcome of consultation on the functional content however it was not able to agree an implementation date due to the issue on funding. Thus the status would be recorded as "Awaiting Approval".

The Committee noted that, since this is a Class 3 UK Link Modification the Transporters must make a UNC modification proposal for this in accordance with the Modification Rules. A draft modification proposal would be discussed with the BP representative (who proposed 13658), and he indicated an intention to raise this as a Topic for the next Transmission Workstream with a view to requesting 16-Feb Panel to send it to consultation. DA informed the Committee that the cost of 13658 would be approximately £41,000 but this figure did not include release costs that would also need to be recovered. These costs could only be ascertained once the entire release was defined, and no estimation of these could be provided at this time. This would be higher if it were a standalone implementation. DA also informed the Committee that in order to provide 6 months notice for the November 2006 release, consultation on the implementation plan would need to commence 10 March.

2.3 CR 13681 User Suppressed Reconciliation Values (USRV)

The Committee agreed to the plan without functional amendment with an implementation date of 25-Mar-06, accommodating BGT's request for delay by continuance of the present e-mail delivery to BGT until no later than June 2006.

2.4 CR 13693 On-line Optional Tariff Invoicing and Entry Commodity Invoicing

The Committee agreed to the plan without functional amendment with an implementation date of 30-June-06.

2.5 CR 13694 IFA Contracts

The Committee agreed to the plan without functional amendment with an implementation date of 30-June-06. *Post meeting note: – Communication NR/591/RL circulated on 13-Jan-06 provided further information on this change.*

2.6 CR 13664 – EU Directive on VAT Compliance

The Committee noted that this modification continued to progress towards an implementation date of 25-Mar-06.

2.7 CR 13629 Data logger Support File (DL1)

The Committee noted that this modification continued to progress towards an implementation date of 25-Mar-06.

3. Review of Topics Status Report

Topic 004UKL UK Link Testing Arrangements

DA stated that the report on implementation timeline and costs could not be available before April 2006. The Committee noted that it would therefore not be possible to have six months notice for the November 2006 implementation and therefore the February 2007 implementation was more likely.

Action UKL1023 xoserve (DA) to provide an indicative timeline for potential delivery of UK Link Testing Arrangements for the next UKL Committee meeting.

4 Performance Reporting

Action UKL1017 Update xoserve (AG) ran through a presentation that highlighted the different technical architecture of Gemini compared to AT-Link. This included three illustrative examples of Shipper User transactions and their paths through Gemini, and stated there were many possible variants. Analysis was in progress to develop performance reporting but this was unlikely to be implemented before April. MC and TV

expressed a view that shippers simply need a monitor of the time between sending a transaction to Gemini and receiving a response back and that periodic monitoring, such as 12 times per day, might be adequate. AG agreed to consider such an option.

4.1 IS Faults logged by Shippers (xoserve Report A). The report was accepted.

4.2 UK-Link Business Support Agreement (xoserve Report B) (Gemini). The report was accepted subject to satisfactory progression of action UKL1017.

4.3 Liabilities Report (xoserve Report C)

The report was accepted.

JB drew the Committee's attention to the UNC provision for UK Link Performance Audit. The UK Link Committee agreed that in view of the routine monitoring of performance reported each month to the UK Link Committee and the general level of performance reported in respect of UK Link, the Transporters would not be required to appoint a UK Link Performance Monitor in respect of remainder of the current Gas Year. This decision is to be reviewed annually and/or following any major change to UK Link systems.

5 File Format and Urgent Communications (xoserve Report D)

The report was accepted and CP stated there had been no additional communications since the report was prepared.

6 Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

There were no notified planned outages. AG informed the Committee that Gemini Disaster Recovery tests were envisaged for six monthly intervals and therefore there might be an extended housekeeping outage in April. This would be formally notified when details became available.

7 AOB

DA alerted the Committee to an update of Amalgamated SPA Rejections list.

UKL1024 xoserve (DA) to issue a communication, for information, updating the Amalgamated SPA Rejections list.

8 Schedule of Future meetings

10:30am Thursday 9-Feb-06 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London

10:30am Thursday 9-Mar-06 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London

APPENDIX A ACTION LOG UK Link Committee 13-Jan-06

| Action Ref | Meeting Date | Minute Ref | Action | Owner* | Status Update |
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| UKL 1001 | 11/08/05 | 7.1 | Rejection codes for Meter Points not part of a live Supply Point – redundant codes to be consulted on with a view to removal. Fatal error occurrences to be reported on including consultation with transporters representatives. | xoserve DA | Communication confirming the current system functionality carried forward. |
| UKL 1008 | 08/09/05 | 4.4 Topic 004UKL | UK Link testing arrangements – report on implementation timeline and costs. | xoserve DA | Now due Apr-06 |
| UKL 1010 | 13/10/05 | 2.1 Gemini | Report on legal validity of e-mail contingency Code communication. | xoserve AG | National Grid legal consulted. Carried forward |
| UKL 1011 | 13/10/05 | 2.2.1 CR12494 | Prevailing AQ and EUC on CSEP invoice – update Committee prior to formal consultation and seek agreement in Jan-06 meeting. | xoserve DA | Closed Consultation complete and implementation plan agreed. |
| UKL 1015 | 10/11/05 | 2.6 Gemini | investigate and seek improvement to Gemini help line and address specific functional query on codes for bulk download of pre-close out measurements. | Gemini Project (GH/AG) | Closed Improvements to helpline recently implemented. |
| UKL 1017 | 10/11/05 | 5.2 | develop and propose revised performance reporting for operation of Gemini, based on the performance acceptance criteria. | xoserve (GH/AG) | Presentation 12/01/06 explained difficulties. Potential of periodic monitoring identified. |
| UKL 1020 | 08/12/05 | 2.1 Topic 003UKL | inform SPAA Executive meeting about proposed schedule for 2006 UK Link Modification Implementations and provide feedback to UK Link Committee in January. | SSE (MB) | Closed MB notified that SPAA Executive did not have any issues with the proposed schedule. |
| UKL 1021 | 08/12/05 | | include review of UK Link Modification Implementation Planning process in the July 06 agenda for UK Link Committee. | Joint Office (JB) | Due July-06 |

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| UKL 1022 | 08/12/05 | 3.5 CR13694 | ensure that early in the consultation on CR 13694 IFA contracts included how a request might be rejected, what the navigation would be between screens, what else was on the 'Deal' drop down menu, and illustrative data on screen shots. | xoserve (DA) | Closed <i>Communication NR/591/RL circulated on 13-Jan-06 provided further information on this change</i> |
| UKL 1023 | 12/01/06 | 2 Topic 004UKL | provide a high-level project plan for the next UKL Committee meeting for delivery of UK Link Testing Arrangements. | xoserve (DA) | Due Feb-06 |
| UKL 1024 | 12/01/06 | 7 | issue a communication, for information, updating the Amalgamated SPA Rejections list. | xoserve (DA) | |

*** Key to action owners**

- DA Dave Addison, xoserve
- GH Gareth Hepworth, Gemini Project
- MB Martin Brandt, Scottish and Southern Energy
- CP Caroline Purcell, xoserve
- AG Annie Griffith, xoserve
- JB John Bradley, Joint Office