

UK LINK Committee Minutes
Thursday 08 March 2007
held by teleconference

Attendees

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| John Bradley | (JB) | Joint Office |
| Mike Berrisford | (MiB) | Joint Office |
| Ali Tayyar | (AT) | Statoil |
| Caroline Purcell | (CP) | xoserve (for Transporters) |
| Colette Baldwin | (CB) | E.ON UK plc |
| Dan Simons | (DS) | EDF Energy |
| Dave Addison | (DA) | xoserve |
| David Mayne | (DM) | RWE Npower |
| Graham Wood | (GW) | Centrica |
| Martin Baker | (MaB) | xoserve |
| Mark Pitchford | (MP) | SAIC Europe Ltd (for ScottishPower) |
| Martin Brandt | (MB) | SSE |
| Mick Curtis | (MC) | e=mc ² (for Shell) |
| Tiago Vasconcelos | (TV) | TGP |

1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions.

UKL1041 – please see item 4.0 below.

UKL1075 – please see item 3.2 below.

2. Other Industry Fora

JB provided attendees with an update on all closed UNC modifications, as follows:

- 0080 “Acceptance of AMR reads at supply points with correctors”. Implemented, with effect from 06:00hrs 23/02/07.
 xoserve (DA) asked attendees if they had implemented their system changes and whether or not they planned to send in any AMR reads. No attendee indicated that they were sending any reads in the short term .
- 0099 “Management of erroneous Domestic AQs during the Registration process”. Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs 01/04/2007.
- 0113 “Availability of Unsecured Credit Based on User Payment Record or Independent Assessment”. No system impacts.

JB then provided members with an update on the live UNC modifications with a potential impact upon UK Link systems, as follows:

- 0088 “Extension of DM service to enable Consumer Demand Side Management”. This has potentially major system impacts (possible

implementation scheduled for 2008) and will be considered at the 15/03/07 Panel meeting;

- 0090 “Revised DN Interruption Arrangements”.

xoserve (MaB) informed attendees that since the February meeting the Transporters have advised xoserve that Ofgem have been in discussion with Consumer Groups and that implementation will not now take place before 2008, with the 1st tender being June 08. With this in mind, MaB suggested placing the item on hold until late summer 07, dependant upon any regulatory decisions in the meantime. This was agreed.

Attendees enquired if the ‘solutions’ (manual or automated) would remain the same in light of the 12 month delay. MaB suggested that due to the new lead time, further consideration of an automated solution would be possible, but still subject to economic considerations. DA added that further opportunities to comment will be provided and that an alternative CR maybe forthcoming;

- 0115 “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error”. System impacts have been discussed within the Distribution Workstream and they will report to the 19/04/07 Panel meeting;
- 0116V, 0116VD, 0116A, 0116BV & 0116CVV “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements”. All awaiting Ofgem decision. Ofgem Final Impact Assessment closed on 06/03/07. Anticipated major system impacts;
- 0119 “Amendment to the Entry Overrun Charge”. This is expected to have some related system impacts but these were identified and included within Gemini Phase 4. Awaiting an Ofgem decision, which is expected sometime within the next few weeks.
- 0126 “Restriction of Invoice Billing Period”. Final Review Group Report expected for consideration at the 21/06/07 Panel meeting;
- 0133 “Introduction of the AMTSEC Auction”. Impacts on the Gemini Phase 4 as a ‘replacement’ for 0118. In brief, JB informed attendees that the modification allows for Users to transfer Capacity from an ‘unsold’ to a ‘sold-out’ Entry Point.

Additionally, he informed attendees that this modification was discussed at the Transmission Workstream meeting on 01/03/07. In its Panel report, the Workstream have recommended that this Proposal should proceed to consultation, and that no legal text is required. The modification will be considered at the 15/03/07 Panel meeting.

JB also advised attendees that both E.ON and NG NTS have drafted alternate modification proposals to allow trading of a User’s sold capacity at one Entry Point to a User at another Entry Point. The two parties and had been requested to work towards a single alternative.

xoserve (DA) pointed out that to achieve a November Release is challenging due to the extremely tight timescales involved.

JB then introduced the following items:

- Operational Forums – Transmission Operations Forum.

JB advised attendees that a slightly revised Gemini Update presentation had been given to the forum highlighting the recent outage and the UK Link Committee approval on 08/02/07. To date, no significant concerns have been raised by forum attendees.

JB suggested that the XP1 element of the presentation be covered elsewhere in this meeting. *Please see AOB below.*

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

3.1 CR 13760 – Shipper Agreed Reads Procedural Change

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that no new information is available at this time.

3.2 Minor Amendment to CALMS System

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that it is now awaiting an implementation date. In light of this, attendees agreed to carry forward the action.

Action UKL1075: Carried Forward.

3.3 CR 13819 – Previous Read Reference for Replaced Reads

xoserve (DA) reminded attendees that this is a Class 1 modification, with a likely implementation date of 22/04/07, although any changes to this date will be notified at the April 07 meeting.

3.4 CR 13818 – Invoice Numbers on CSEP Invoice File Formats

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that this CR is awaiting confirmation of the implementation date. xoserve expect to provide the date at the April 07 meeting with a view to a November 07 implementation.

3.5 CR 13829 – DN Interruption Reform

xoserve (DA) reminded attendees that this had already been discussed elsewhere in the meeting and that it will be left on the plan in anticipation of an Ofgem decision. Please see item 2.0 above.

3.6 CR 13820 - Gemini Release 4

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that the CR is still 'on track' for a 29/04/07 implementation. DA then pointed out that a Confidence Trials communication EH/714/DA, dated 09/02/07, had been issued last month and that only two (2x) responses had been received. Therefore, xoserve will not be conducting any formal confidence trials, but had spoken to respondents to understand their requirements.

3.7 CR 13803 – Recovery of Late Paid Energy Balancing Invoice Interest – Creation of 4 New Charge Types

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that this is on track for a June 07 implementation. Attendees enquired if an actual date was available, to which DA confirmed that it would be Friday 29/06/07.

3.8 CR 13839 – Gemini Oracle Software Upgrade

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that this is on track for a August 07 implementation.

CP added that work on this is going to plan and that:

- 'system testing' is in progress,
- 'performance testing' is about to begin,
- **User Acceptance Testing** is due to commence mid April 07,
- Shipper Confidence Testing (SCT) of API's and on-line transactions is scheduled for 11 June to 09 July, and finally
- Implementation is scheduled for 12&13 August 07.

Furthermore, CP informed attendees that should anyone wish to volunteer for the SCT element, xoserve are able to cater for up to 50 participants.

A communication will be issued in due course. *please see EH/721/SK, dated 09/03/07.*

3.9 CR 13830 – Description amendment to G09 record in Entry Commodity Invoice

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that this Class 1 modification is an administration only change and was implemented 26/02/07.

3.10 CR 13779 – Modification 080 – AMR Readings

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that this CR was implemented 24/02/07, and to date, NO readings have been submitted to xoserve. He asked attendees to please consider submitting a reading before the 'project support' is scaled back.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

Topic 006UKL Gemini Performance Monitoring

xoserve (CP) advised attendees that performance data for the period 27 March to 10 April 2007 should be available for the April 07 meeting. Therefore attendees agreed to carry forward this action.

Action UKL1041: Carried Forward.

JB suggested that once the Gemini Performance Monitoring was in place, attendees might like to consider whether or not to commission a formal audit in accordance with UNC TPD Section U, paragraphs 7.5.2 and 7.5.4.

Topic 008UKL UK Link Technology Refresh

xoserve (CP) advised attendees that a full briefing will be provided at the April 07 meeting. In the meantime, she informed attendees that:

- a 'Proof of Concept' trial has begun, and the first kit has been installed at Peterborough Data centre
- an Offshore Trial Data Migration exercise had been completed successfully, and
- xoserve are looking at key dates.

5. Performance Reporting

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

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

The report was accepted.

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

The report was accepted.

5.3 Liabilities Report (xoserve Report C)

The report was accepted.

5.4 Report on Performance Problems

The report was accepted.

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

The report was accepted.

xoserve (DA) advised attendees that the matrix had been published and that there appears to be nothing contentious.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

The report was accepted.

xoserve (CP) advised attendees that the timings for the two (2x) Gemini Warm Standby Disaster Recovery Test outages will be provided in due course.

xoserve (DA) reminded attendees about the two (2x) outages highlighted at the February 07 meeting for the Gemini Oracle Software Upgrade, scheduled for 12&13 August 07 and the Gemini Release 4 implementation, scheduled for Sunday 29 April 07. He advised that both of these will be included in the April report.

8. AOB

xoserve (DA & CP) updated attendees on the following items:

- XP1 Token Replacement – implemented 22/02/07, and asking for updated LSO contact details.

CP asked attendees to please recheck and provide updated LSO contact details via the form available on the xoserve web site at:

<http://www.xoserve.com/docs/SystemSecurityAccessForms.pdf>

CP went on to inform attendees that the xoserve project team will continue to monitor XP tokens over the next two (2) weeks and thereafter, hand over support to the Helpdesk team. *please see EH/720/SK, dated 09/03/07.*

- Ad Hoc Supporting Data (Invoicing) – information is currently provided via email but is to change to an IX provision.

DA advised attendees that a communication suggesting a reduced notice period of 3 months, and looking for Users comments on the reduced notice period, potential solutions and associated timescales, will be issued Friday 09 March 07.

xoserve are looking to 'baseline' the request at the April 07 meeting with a view to a July 07 implementation. *please see EH/719/RL, dated 09/03/07.*

JB asked attendees if they had found the teleconferencing website facilities helpful during the meeting, to which attendees confirmed that they had.

An attendee enquired if it is proposed to conduct all future UK Link Committee meetings via a teleconference link. JB pointed out that a teleconference meeting had been convened in accordance with a previous committee suggestion, after consultation between xoserve and the Joint Office of Gas Transporters. MP asked whether in future the decision could be taken more than one week prior to the meeting, or even at the previous meeting, in order that economical flight reservations could be made. The JO undertook to consider this.

Action UKL1082: JO to consider timing of decision on holding meeting by teleconference.

DA pointed out the April meeting is one of the 'big' meetings as it is 6 months prior to the November 07 release and therefore should be held at Elexon. This was agreed.

Schedule of Future meetings

10:00am Thursday 12-Apr-07 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London

APPENDIX A.**ACTION LOG UK Link Committee 08-March-07**

| Action Ref | Meeting Date | Minute Ref (original ref) | Action | Owner* | Status Update |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| UKL 1041 | 13/04/06 | 4.0 (3.0) Topic 006UKL | Report back on progress of Topic 006UKL. | xoserve (DA/AG) | On track for March implementation for inclusion in April report. Carried Forward |
| UKL 1075 | 14/12/06 | 3.2 (3.3) | xoserve to investigate possible implementation date for the Minor Amendment to CALMS System. | xoserve (DA) | Update due April 07. Carried Forward |
| UKL 1082 | 08/03/07 | AOB | JO to consider timing of decision on holding meeting by teleconference | JO (JB) | Update due April 07. |

*** Key to action owners**

DA Dave Addison, xoserve
AG Annie Griffith, xoserve
JB John Bradley, Joint Office