

UK LINK Committee Minutes
Thursday 09 March 2006
held at Elexon, 350, Euston Road, London

Attendees

John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office
Annie Griffith	(AG)	xoserve
Ali Taylor	(AT)	Statoil
Bryan Donnelly	(BDo)	Scottish Power
Brian Durber	(BDu)	EON UK plc
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
David Mayne	(DN)	RWE npower
Dan Simons	(DS)	EDF Energy
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Mick Curtis	(MC)	e=mc ²
Mike Berrisford	(MiB)	Joint Office
Tiago Vasconcelos	(TV)	Total Gas and Power

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

The minutes from February meeting were accepted with one amendment - the accidental inclusion of Caroline Purcell on the attendance list.

xoserve (DA) clarified the statement in the AOB paragraph that the M Number database DVD (UKL 1028) had already been issued and that comments have been received.

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.

UKL1010 –xoserve (AG) advised members that National Grid Legal are still considering what course of action to take as the Uniform Network Code does not formally recognise email as an appropriate communication format, therefore the committee agreed to carry forward this action.

UKL1023 – whilst a formal report is not due until the April meeting, JB reminded members that the Transporters had outlined the timescale. xoserve (DA) pointed out that anytimescales would be based upon a possible Class 3 Modification and would need further discussion **Action Closed, to be progressed as Topic 004UKL..**

UKL1024 – JB advised members that this would be considered under item 2. below.

UKL1025 – MC, on behalf of BP, advised members that no progress has been forthcoming **Action Carried Forward**

UKL1026, 1027 & 1028 –JB advised members that this would be considered under item 2. below.

UKL1029 –xoserve (DA) advised members that the Final Modification Report for UNC Modification Proposal 0047 clearly indicated that 'No Implications to

UK Link Systems' had been identified, and as matters are covered as an Ad Hoc Request, communications will continue to be managed by facsimilie.

Action Closed.

UKL1030 –xoserve (DA) advised members that communication NR/605/DA had been issued on 08 March 06. It was agreed that Users needed to consider this communication before closing this action **Action Carried Forward**

MB advised members that there are some matters under discussion with extranet information with xoserve (Norman Reid).

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

2.1 CR 13694 IFA Contracts

At the February meeting the Committee had agreed to the removal of this Change Request from the June-06 release, with a view to it being approved for inclusion in the November-06 release, at the April-06 UK Link Committee meeting. However, xoserve (DA) advised members that this may be withdrawn. **Action1031:** xoserve (DA) to issue an update communication.

2.2 CR 13658 Replication of enhancement of Gemini API functionality

JB advised the committee that this item would be carried over. Please see item 1.0 above for details.

2.3 CR 13717 – Financial Incentive Performance Regime of Resolution of USRVs (linked to UKL 13681)

xoserve (DA) advised that this matter is awaiting UK Link Committee approval. A communication was issued on 10 February 06, and 1 response in support was received. This CR identifies a 'tweak' to the system scheduled for implementation on 25 March 06. By consensus, the committee approved this change request.

2.4 CR 13725 – Single Central Online Gas Enquiry Service

xoserve (DA) explained that this change resulted from a change under the governance of SPAA. He gave advance notice that a communication regarding this matter will be issued on 10 March 06. xoserve (DA) went on to point out that the change has yet to be approved under the SPAA governance, however, the communication will summarise the content of the change request and request a Class 1 change. MB pointed out that the 'original' SCOGES change was rejected and is subject to an Appeal. xoserve (DA) went on to state that the communication will look to solicit views on the high level solution of the change (06/057), and propose this be dealt with as a Class 1 UKLink Modification.

Action UKL1032: xoserve (DA) to confirm whether the iGTs' meter points will be included on the M Number discs after SCOGES implementation

Action UKL1033: xoserve (DA) to issue communication, soliciting input on implementation date and UK Link Classification.

2.5 CR 13723 – Introduction of a New Rejection Code OJT00018

xoserve (DA) advised members that a communication will be issued 10 March 06 with a view to a possible November release.

2.6 CR 13664 – EU Directive VAT Compliance

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request was on track.

2.7 CR 13629 – Datalogger Support File

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request was on track.

2.8 CR 12494 – Addition of ‘Prevailing AQ’ and ‘Prevailing EUC’ to the info provided within the CSEP (CEP) Invoice

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request was on track.

2.9 CR 13681 User Suppressed Reconciliation Values (USRV)

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request was on track.

Action UKL1026 (reissue communications): this had been done **Action Closed.**

2.10 CR 13717 – Financial Incentive Performance Regime of Resolution of USRVs (linked to UKL 13681)

Following consensus approval to the change, xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request will be implemented 25 March 06.

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

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request was progressing.

2.12 CR 13715 – SPA File Rejection Reason Code List v13

xoserve (DA) advised members that this change request was progressing.
Action 1024 Closed

2.13 CR 13718 – Issue of M Number Disk in DVD-R Format

This CR had been issued therefore **Action 1028 Closed** The change was agreed by consensus.

3 Review of Topics Status Report**Topic 006UKL Gemini Performance Monitoring**

xoserve (AG) advised members that she is investigating what can or can not be done and that on-line screen transaction time data is the more difficult aspect, She advised that provision of an ‘API average transaction time data’ would be achievable for the June 2006 report and provision of the screen transaction time data would follow this **Action UKL1017 Closed as the matter is being progressed as this topic.**

4 Performance Reporting**4.1 IS Faults logged by Shippers (xoserve Report A).**

The report was accepted.

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

The report was accepted subject to satisfactory progression of Topic 006UKL.

4.3 Liabilities Report (xoserve Report C)

xoserve (AG) advised members that the Gemini Standard of Service had been breached in January and that in accordance with the Uniform Network Code provision, liability payment (TSL12B) would be made. The report was accepted.

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

The report was accepted. The following update was given:

- K13 TRF Description – NR/598/DA was reissued, and will be aligned to CR13664 for a March 06 implementation and will be included in an extranet communication
- NR/599/DA – In response to SSE concern regarding documentation, xoserve (DA) considered the appropriate controls are now in place and comments from Users would be welcome.
- NR/600/DD – was covered as per CR13717
- NR/601/RG – Extranet update for API Specification has received two comments in support and was updated immediately.

Action UKL1027: action closed as file formats had been reissued.

There were no Urgent Communications issued during January-06.

6. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

xoserve (AG) advised members of two scheduled outages, one covering Gemini Periodic Disaster Recovery. She asked members to note that the Gemini Work Group have indicated that they do not wish to see an outage over the Easter period and therefore week ending the 6 and 7 May 2006 has been selected to accommodate this outage. It is anticipated that the outage timescales will be 5hrs on Saturday and 4hrs on the Sunday.

xoserve (AG) then advised members that the HEMP outage is tentative and may disappear, but is usually scheduled for September.

The Committee members raised no concerns regarding these matters.

xoserve (AG) finally advised members that the CONQUEST outage scheduled for the weekend had been cancelled.

Action UKL1034: xoserve (AG) to issue an advisory communication 10 March 06.

7. AOB

JB requested that members consider adoption of a standard agenda item to update the UK Link Committee on matters of interest arising at meetings such as the Gemini Shipper Forum.

xoserve (AG) advised members that the next Gemini Shipper Forum was scheduled for 25 April 06, the next scheduled Gemini Work Group meeting was 21 March 06 and pointed out that materials for these meeting would be available on the xoserve web site. It was agreed that the committee would only require brief verbal updates of matters of interest discussed at these meetings.

xoserve (DA) drew the attention of the committee to a communication being issued over the next few days regarding the November 05 implementation of the 'MRE489 Rejection Code (for cyclic reads only)' and the fact that 'several' users have been caught out by this. It is therefore requested that there will be an 'easing' of the reporting parameters from 10 days to 99 days. This will take effect for the period 20 March 06 until 19 June 06 only. This will be included on the appropriate implementation plan.

Schedule of Future meetings

11:00am Thursday 13-Apr-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
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 To be progressed under Topic 004UKL Action Closed
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 1017	10/11/05	5.2 006UKL	Develop and propose revised performance reporting for operation of Gemini, based on the performance acceptance criteria. xoserve to raise a new topic (006UKL).	xoserve (AG)	09/03/06 API data to be included in June 2006 report. Screen data to follow. Presentation 12/01/-06 explained difficulties. Potential of periodic monitoring identified. To be progressed under Topic 006UKL Action Closed
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
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 Apr-06 To be progressed under Topic 004UKL Action Closed
UKL 1024	12/01/06	7	Issue a communication, for information, updating the Amalgamated SPA Rejections list.	xoserve (DA)	Revised Amalgamated SPA list issued 13/10/06. Include on Imp Plan for June release & raise new CR. Carried forward 09/03/06 Change request going forward, Action Closed

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UKL 1025	09/02/06	2.2 CR13658	Provide update on progress of potential UNC Modification Proposal	BP & e=mc ² (MC)	Due March-06 09/03/06 BP considering position Action Carried Forward
UKL 1026	09/02/06	2.6 CR13681	Reissue Communication NR/595/DD on Friday 10-Feb-06 & report back to UK Link Committee	xoserve (DA)	Due March-06 09/03/06 Communication Issued Action Closed
UKL 1027	09/02/06	5	Reissue file formats	xoserve (DA)	Due March-06 09/03/06 Communication Issued Action Closed
UKL 1028	09/02/06	7	Issue a communication, for information, for the M Number db disc format change from CD to DVD-R and raise a Change Request	xoserve (DA)	Due March-06 09/03/06 Communication Issued Action Closed
UKL 1029	09/02/06	7	Provide an update on the progress of system changes associated with UNC Modification 0047	xoserve (DA)	Due March-06 09/03/06 Clarified that no system changes required Action Closed
UKL 1030	09/02/06	7	Investigate provision of RGMA information on the xoserve extranet	xoserve (DA)	Due March-06 09/03/06. Communication issued 08/0306 Carried Forward
UKL 1031	09/03/06	2.1 CR 13494	Updated communication to be issued	xoserve (DA)	
UKL 1032	09/03/06	2.4 CR 13725	Confirm whether the iGTs' meter points will be included on the M Number discs after SCOGES implementation.	xoserve (DA)	

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UKL 1033	09/03/06	2.4 CR 13725	Issue communication, soliciting input on implementation date and UKLink Classification.	xoserve (DA)	
UKL 1034	09/03/06	6	Send notice to Users that CONQUEST outage no longer required	xoserve (AG)	

*** Key to action owners**

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