

**UK LINK Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday 10 May 2007**  
**held by teleconference**

**Attendees**

John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford	(MiB)	Joint Office
Alexandra Crump	(AC)	E.ON UK plc
Andrew Keogh	(AK)	$e=mc^2$ (for Shell)
Brian Donnelly	(BD)	SAIC
Caroline Purcell	(CP)	xoserve (for Transporters)
David Kerr	(DK)	Bridgeall Technology
David Mayne	(DM)	RWE Npower
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Nicola Rigby	(NR)	National Grid
Simon Baker	(SB)	Statoil
Tiago Vasconcelos	(TV)	TGP

**Apologies**

Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
Collette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK plc

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

The minutes of the April 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.

UKL1083 – please see item 3.3 below.

UKL1084 – xoserve (CP) advised members that all changes have now been allocated a number. Members agreed that this action was closed.

**Action UKL1084: Closed**

UKL1085 – please see item 3.12 below.

UKL1086 – xoserve (CP) advised members that the UK Link File Formats are owned by the Transporters and managed by xoserve on their behalf. Should xoserve cease to act as the Transporter's Agent, the File Formats would be 'handed back' to National Grid until a suitable replacement Agency is established. Members agreed that this action was closed.

**Action UKL1086: Closed**

UKL1087 – xoserve (CP) advised members that the IX Network is owned by National Grid, xoserve manage IX on their behalf. Members agreed that this action was closed.

## Action UKL1087: Closed

### 2. Other Industry Fora

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

- 0090 “Revised DN Interruption Arrangements”, Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 01/04/08. Please refer to item 3.3 for further details;
- 0116V “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements”, Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 01/04/08 and subject to a Competition Appeal initiated by E.ON UK plc.;
- 0124 “Amendment to the window for acceptance of Meter Reads by the Transporter”, Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 16/04/07;
- 0133 “Introduction of the AMTSEC Auction”, Formally withdrawn by the proposer, National Grid NTS on 10/05/07. A ‘special’ workstream meeting was held on Wednesday 09/05/07 at which both Shippers and Ofgem indicated a desire for a replacement to be in place before Winter 2007 and new Urgent UNC Modification Proposals 0150 and 0151 are with Ofgem for consideration of urgent status. *(Post meeting note: Ofgem has agreed Urgency and details are on the Joint Office website: [www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Modifications/LiveMods](http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Modifications/LiveMods))*

The new modifications, if approved, would allow capacity to be made available by a transfer of ‘unsold’ to ‘sold’, but not necessarily as an exact ‘like-for-like match’ and would allow Shippers to ‘trade’ capacity on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. The initial solution for this is likely to be facsimile based.

National Grid anticipates forming a new trading entity to enable the utilisation of the Gemini system. NR confirmed that that was also her understanding, although she has no further information at this time;

- 0138 “Transitional arrangements for Entry Capacity Transfers to Sold Out ASEPs”, Rejected 08/05/07. Modification Proposal 0151 is similar, but not identical to this rejected Proposal

JB provided attendees 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”, Workgroup last met 08/05/07 and Ofgem are currently awaiting further information before issuing a notice requesting responses from interested parties;
- 0115/0115A “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error”, Consultation period closes 14/05/07;
- 0126 “Restriction of Invoice Billing Period”. Final Review Group Report expected for consideration at the 21/06/07 Panel Meeting;
- 0131 “LDZ RbD Reconciliation Notification Process”. Final Review Group Report expected for consideration at the 21/06/07 Panel Meeting;
- 0136 “Reconciliation following AQ Amendment where an SSP becomes an LSP prior to calculation of Provisional Annual Quantity”. Minor system impacts anticipated. Distribution Workstream report to 17/05/07 Panel;

- 0141 “Revision to the ‘User Suppressed Reconciliation Values’ Financial Incentives arrangements”, Minor system impacts anticipated. Distribution Workstream report to 17/05/07 Panel;
- 0144 “Quantification of Value At Risk (VAR) to determine a User’s minimum Code Credit Limit Requirement”, A new modification proposal for consideration at the 17/05/07 Panel meeting. Three (3) months notice will be required to implement system changes;
- 0149 “Gas Emergency Cashout Arrangements: Keeping the On the Day Commodity Market open during a Gas Deficit Emergency”, A new Modification Proposal raised by National Grid NTS on 09/05/07. Minor system impacts anticipated.

If approved, the modification would, in the event of an emergency, keep the On the Day Commodity Market (OCM) going. However, it should be noted that the ‘Cashout Price’ will be different to that experienced under ‘normal’ operating conditions.

JB then introduced the following items:

- Operational Forums – Transmission Operations Forum.

JB advised members that at the recent meeting held on 18/04/07, Richard Griffiths of xoserve gave a Gemini presentation which included ‘Release 4’ and ‘Oracle’ updates. Additionally, RG asked for volunteers to take part in Confidence Testing in the near future.

The presentation is available to view and download from the National Grid NTS web site: [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/OperationalInfo/operationsforum](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/OperationalInfo/operationsforum)

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

#### **3.1 CR 13760 – Shipper Agreed Reads Procedural Change**

xoserve (CP) informed members that she had no further update, apart from the matter is still awaiting agreement.

#### **3.2 Minor Amendment to CALMS System**

xoserve (CP) informed members that she had no further update, apart from the matter is still awaiting agreement, and thereafter members agreed to carry forward this action.

**Action UKL1075: Carried Forward.**

#### **3.3 CR 13829 – DN Interruption Reform**

xoserve (CP) informed members that the DNs have been contacted seeking their views on whether the systems supporting DN Interruption Reform should be manual or automated. This will be input into the tender. Members suggested that data should be forthcoming to support whichever solution is approved.

CP advised that an update will be provided at the June 2007 meeting, thereafter members agreed to carry forward this action.

**Action UKL1083: Carried Forward.**

#### **3.4 CR 13862 – Customer Charge Structure for 0.73MWH Loadband: Full Solution from 01/10/07**

xoserve (CP) informed members that this CR requires no file format changes and that SSE had originally rejected it. However, after checking with their technical

support teams, MB indicated that SSE are now happy for the implementation to go ahead on 03/11/07.

The Committee therefore agreed the implementation of this UK Link Modification.

### **3.5 CR 13861 – Rejections associated with Shipper AQ Amendments**

xoserve (CP) informed members that a 'nominal' date, no earlier than 13<sup>th</sup> August 07, will be provided at the June 07 meeting.

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

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR is on schedule for a June 07 release.

### **3.7 CR 13824 – Issue of Supporting Documentation via IX**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR is on schedule for a June 07 release.

### **3.8 CR 13839 – Gemini Oracle Software Upgrade**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR is on schedule for a August 07 release.

### **3.9 CR 13818 – Invoice Numbers on CSEP Invoice File Formats**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR is on schedule for a November 07 release.

### **3.10 CR 13819 – Previous Read Reference for Replaced Reads**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR was successfully implemented on 21/04/07.

### **3.11 Amendment to Cyclic Reading Validity Period**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR was successfully implemented on 16/04/07.

### **3.12 CR 13820 - Gemini Release 4**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR was successfully implemented on 29/04/07. Members agreed that this action could now be closed.

**Action UKL1085: Closed.**

### **3.13 CR 13868 – SPA File rejection Reason Code (Class 1) Change**

xoserve (CP) advised members that this CR was successfully implemented on 30/04/07.

## **4. Review of Topics Status Report**

### **Topic 006UKL Gemini Performance Monitoring**

xoserve (CP) apologised to the members, advising them that the Gemini Performance Monitoring initially went live with online information, experienced problems, and was subsequently 'backed-out'.

A teleconference is underway, at the same time as this meeting, to investigate the problems and an update will be provided at the June 07 meeting.

In light of the above statements, members agreed to carry forward this action.

**Action UKL1041: Carried Forward.**

### **Topic 008UKL UK Link Technology Refresh**

xoserve (CP) advised members that the UK Link Technical Refresh work is going very well and that the Peterborough office is up and running along with the establishment of the Bangalore Data Centre in India.

The project remains on target for a February 08 completion.

## **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.

However, xoserve (CP) took this opportunity to apologise and inform members of two recent problems.

The first, a power outage experienced on 22/04/07 has been treated as a 'major incident'. The I.S. teams have undertaken a 'lessons learnt' review exercise and a senior investigation is currently underway, the results of which, will be presented to the National Grid Board of Directors in due course.

CP informed members that the outage impacted UK-Link, Gemini and Conquest. The outage occurred for a few seconds at approximately 9:40am. Gemini recovery was complete around 6:00pm, UK-Link recovery was complete around 6:45pm.

The second, involved the failure of the Warm Standby on 14 & 15/04/07. The failure centred on the 'HP Volume Group'. CP confirmed that pre-test work will be undertaken before the next warm standby exercise.

### **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.

CP pointed out that the one occurrence was down to the power outage outlined elsewhere in these minutes.

RWE Npower (DM) pointed out an error in item TSL12b, whereby 1x occurrence incurred a £50 liability, but the 'Total' records £0 per Shipper.

### **5.4 Report on Performance Problems**

The report was accepted.

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

The report was accepted.

## **7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)**

The report was accepted.

CP pointed out the two forthcoming planned outages for Gemini to the members and informed them that formal notification will follow in due course.

## **8. AOB**

xoserve (CP) advised members that a notification relating to an error on the 'Adjustment backup files for ADI Adhoc Invoice' will be issued on Friday 11/05/07.

Chair (JB) asked members if they would like a teleconference for the June 07 meeting. CP responded by suggesting that xoserve would have information relating to Modification 0090 "Revised DN Interruption Arrangements" and CR13819 "Previous Read Reference for Replaced Reads" which would be better understood at a 'normal' meeting.

In closing, JB advised members that unless otherwise notified please assume the June 07 meeting will take place at the Elexon Office in London.

**Schedule of Future meetings**

10:00am Thursday 14-Jun-07 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London

## APPENDIX A.

## ACTION LOG UK Link Committee 10-May-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)	Update due June 07.  <b>Carried Forward</b>
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 June 07. <b>Carried Forward</b>
UKL 1083	12/04/07	(3.5)	CR13829 – xoserve to update meeting on solutions for 0090.	xoserve (CP)	Update due June 07. <b>Carried Forward</b>
UKL 1084	12/04/07	(3.6)	xoserve (CP) to allocate Change Reference Numbers to unnumbered items.	xoserve (CP)	Action completed. <b>Closed</b>
UKL 1085	12/04/07	(3.10)	CR13820 – xoserve (CP) to check the class of the modification and clarify changes, then issue a separate communication detailing these.	xoserve (CP)	Communication issued and change implemented. <b>Closed</b>
UKL 1086	12/04/07	(AOB)	xoserve (CP) and BGT (GW) to establish whether the UK Link file formats are owned by xoserve, or owned by xoserve on behalf of the Transporters.	xoserve (CP) & BGT (GW)	Response given to May meeting. <b>Closed</b>
UKL 1087	12/04/07	(AOB)	xoserve (CP) to establish the ownership of the IX.	xoserve (CP)	Response given to May meeting. <b>Closed</b>

**\* Key to action owners**

DA Dave Addison, xoserve  
AG Annie Griffith, xoserve  
CP Caroline Purcell, xoserve  
GW Graham Wood, BGT