

UK LINK Committee Minutes Thursday 11 December 2008 Teleconference

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Ali Tayyar	(AT)	StatoilHydro
Ashley Collins	(AC)	EDF Energy
Caroline Watson	(CW)	xoserve
Danielle King	(DK)	E.ON UK plc
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	xoserve
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower

Apologies

Martin Brandt (MB) SSE

1. Review of Minutes and Actions

xoserve (CW) informed members that this will be her final meeting and the Transporters had nominated M Cockayne as the Transporter representative.

1.1. Minutes

S McGoldrick pointed out an error in the minutes - he works for National Grid NTS. Thereafter, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions.

UKL 1146 – xoserve (CW) informed members that the figures are hopefully now coming through and should be available for the January 09 meeting. DA added that there were partial figures generated for December, but it was felt prudent to leave as N/A on the report.

Chair (JB) asked, and members agreed to carry forward the action.

Action UKL 1146: Carried Forward

UKL 1147 – Chair (JB) advised members that the UKLC Terms of Reference (section (f)) will be amended as displayed. ST indicated that the suggested changes can be made effective immediately.

In response to a question from xoserve (MC), JB provided a brief history of the requirement as brought forward by M Brandt at an earlier meeting. ST suggested that members will need to consider what will constitute a Class 3 UK Link Modification in future, especially in light of the potential impact of User Pays following implementation of UNC modification 0213 sometime in the future.

Whilst recognising the potential need to review Class 3 UK Link arrangements, Chair (JB) suggested, for the shorter term, that the UKLC members would simply need to appreciate what suggested UP funding provisions have been catered for within a specific modification proposal/report.

Chair (JB) asked, and members agreed to close the action.

Action UKL 1147: Closed

2. Other Industry Fora

Chair (JB) provided members with a verbal update that all recently “closed” UNC modifications would not require a UK Link Change, and advised them that the modification reports are available to view and download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site

JB then provided attendees with an update (by exception) on the “live” UNC Modifications with a potential impact upon UK Link systems, specifically highlighting the following status changes since the previous meeting:

- 0116 suite “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements” and 0195/0195AV “Introduction of Enduring NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements”. The Authority have recently issued a letter. It should be noted that this is NOT a decision letter. Re-consultation on proposed legal text amendments is underway and closes out at 12:00hrs on 15/12/08. The Authority have indicated a preference for 0195AV;
- 0194/0194A “Framework for correct apportionment of LSP unidentified error”. Consultation closed 06/11/08, Awaiting Authority decision;
- 0208 “Information relating to Unallocated Energy”. Review Group work is ongoing with a report now due to be presented at the February 09 Panel meeting;
- 0209 “Rolling AQ”. Development Workgroup work is ongoing with a report now due to be presented at the December 08 panel meeting. If implemented there is expected to be some system impacts related to a rolling AQ regime. No legal text has been provided to date and the group will be recommending that legal text is made available prior to consultation;
- 0217 “Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements”. Review Group are meeting immediately following the UK Link Committee meeting. An extension through until March 09 has been granted to enable consideration of process flow and associated requirements to be undertaken;
- 0219 “Publication of UK Wholesale Gas Market Liquidity Data”. Has potential Class 1 Gemini interface related impacts;
- 0223 “Provision of day ahead Gas Flow Nominations data at major Aggregated System Entry Points”. Mainly restricted to website changes, but may have Class 1 Gemini interface impacts;
- 0224 “Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime”. Development Work Group work is ongoing with some UK Link system impacts being anticipated. The group are on target to report to the December 08 panel meeting;
- 0227 “Implementation of an Industry AMR database to facilitate the change of supply process”. Allocated to the Distribution Workstream for consideration with a panel report expected in April 09;
- 0228 “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy”. Anticipate some system impacts. Allocated to the Distribution Workstream for consideration with a panel report expected in December 08;
- 0229 “Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified gas”. Related to 0194 and allocated to the Distribution Workstream for further development with a report due at the January 09 panel meeting;

- 0233 “Changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Indebtedness Calculation”. Consultation ended 09/12/08 with all responses in support of the modification. Anticipate some system impacts. Information and figures will need to go to xoserve to enable the calculations to take place, although there are no ‘direct’ user impacts;
- 0235 “Recovery of Debt and Smearing of Revenues via Energy Balancing Neutrality”. May have Gemini interface impacts, although no ‘direct’ user impacts involved;

JB informed members that a copy of the Exit Reform presentation, highlighting potential system impacts, as given to the Transmission Workstream is available to view and/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Workstreams/TransmissionWorkstream/2008Meetings/>

JB advised members that the Operational Forum had met on the previous day, Wednesday 10 December 2008 and no Gemini presentation had been given as there had been no significant impacts experienced during November. In future, xoserve plan to provide a report to the forum on a ‘by exception only’ basis.

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

3.1 IAD Application Changes

xoserve (DA) advised members that the change was successfully implemented on Saturday 06/11/08 with a minor code fix resolved on Monday 08/11/08. He reminded members that we are currently in the ‘code freeze’ window.

When asked about whether or not, the concurrent user functionality is available, DA informed members that whilst the functionality has been included in the change, it has not yet been decided when it will be switched on as xoserve are still investigating the potential system performance issues.

When asked, DA agreed to issue a notification to users to highlight when the concurrent user functionality is to be switched on. He went on to ask members to ensure that any previous (and any new) communications relating to this matter are circulated to the appropriate contacts within their respective organisations.

When asked, MiB agreed to ensure a ‘link’ is included within the minutes to xoserve’s web site.

3.2 CR14001 – Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements

xoserve (DA) informed members that the change remains in development and that the final confirmation of the plan may ‘push back’ the proposed implementation date until the end of May 2009.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

4.1 Topic 009UKL Gemini Contingency Arrangements

Chair (JB) informed members that Review Group 0217 is scheduled to meet later this morning. The work is progressing well and a final report is scheduled for March 2009 although he believes that this may well be submitted ahead of schedule. All related documentation, including the majority of the proposed process flow and procedural documentation, is available to view and/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Reviews/Rev0217/>

5. Performance Reporting

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

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

This report was accepted.

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

CW pointed out that the highlighted (in red) 97.6% for the period 01/10 – 31/10 reflected the Gemini Failover incident.

Chair (JB) also informed members about a recent Nexus workshop held at the Holiday Inn in Solihull.

Thereafter, the report was accepted.

5.3 Liabilities Report (xoserve Report C)

This report was accepted.

5.4 Report on Performance Problems

This report was accepted.

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

This report was accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

CW informed members that no dates are available at this time and will be provided in due course. Thereafter this report was accepted.

8. AOB

xoserve (DA) provided a brief 'for information only' update to members on communication EH/886/DA issued on 04/12/08. He pointed out that it has come to xoserve's attention that they are providing inconsistent reports via email which contain two (2) file formats with differing field names. Furthermore, he does not believe that there are any direct impacts upon the UK Link Committee formats and are therefore not an issue. Implementation will hopefully take place towards the end of December.

In closing, Chair (JB) thanked members for their support throughout 2008.

9. Next Meeting

The January 2009 UK Link Committee meeting will commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 15 January 2009 and be held via a teleconference.

Please note: the next meeting of Review Group 0217 is also scheduled to take place immediately after this meeting at the Elexon Office in London.

APPENDIX A

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee 11 December 2008

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UKL 1146	11/09/08	1.2 (3.2)	Provide details on the resolution of the fault in the August 2008 information set.	xoserve (CW/MC)	Update due at January meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1147	09/10/08	1.2 (2.0)	Investigate if there are any potential User Pays impacts upon the UK Link Committee Terms of Reference.	Joint Office (JB)	Update provided Closed

* Key to action owners

CW Caroline Watson, xoserve

MC Mark Cockayne, xoserve