

UK LINK Committee Minutes
Thursday 12 June 2008
via a teleconference link

Attendees

John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Caroline Watson	(CW)	xoserve
Danielle King	(DK)	E.ON UK plc
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
Mark Slater	(MS)	Total Gas & Power
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Neil M ^c Keown	(NK)	SPAA Observer
Nicola Rigby	(NR)	National Grid NTS

Apologies

Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK plc
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower
Alistair Watson	(AW)	Dataserve

1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

A minor error in the attendance list was corrected.

NR highlighted that in item 4.1, the fifth bullet should read as:

'Contingency review will only look into the Gemini processes within the UK Link suite'

Thereafter, the minutes of the May meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions.

UKL 1131 – xoserve (DA) informed members that he had spoken with the Transporters, who have given permission for xoserve to analyse the change requirements associated to a change in the CSEP Reconciliation backing data format (LM AQ on each line). The proposed change options will be presented to the UK Link Committee in due course (target is in time for the August meeting).

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

Action UKL1131: Carried forward

UKL 1132 – xoserve (DA) advised members that to date he had received rejection code information from RWE Npower. Initial analysis of the samples indicates that the xoserve validation systems are working as expected, and that the rejection reasons are 'covered' within the Conditionality & Treatment documentation and that the issue is more to do with communication and training. The rejection codes highlighted by RWE are consistent with the rejections experienced at a high incidence by the wider 'industry', and that the main problems seem to stem from the transaction dates and outgoing meter data inconsistencies. . However, at this point he has not had an opportunity to discuss

the matter with an RWE representative but agreed to do so and report back to the July meeting.

DA informed members that, following discussion with his operational colleagues, the issues will be tabled for discussion at the next Operational Forum meeting. He went on to add that the whole issue may benefit from the provision of a new round of training packages. When asked, DK was unsure as to whether or not E.ON UK had now provided their samples and agreed to check with her colleagues in due course.

DA and MB observed that some of these codes had been subject to discussion at the time of implementation of RGMA. MB suggested that such matters might be relevant for consideration within Project Nexus. DA closed by informing members that communication MB/834/DC relating to the Project Nexus Launch Event was issued on 09/06/08, and urged members to participate in this event.

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

Action UKL1132: Carried forward

UKL 1133 – xoserve (DA) advised members that communication EH/828/DA relating to the IAD User Password Reset functionality had been issued on 09/05/08 and this matter will be discussed in more detail under item 3.0 below.

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

Action UKL1133: Closed

UKL 1134 – xoserve (DA) advised members that communication EH/827/DA relating to DN Interruption Reform (phase 2) implementation date had been issued on 09/05/08.

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

Action UKL1134: Closed

UKL 1135 – Chair (JB) advised members that a new Uniform Network Code Review Proposal 0217 “Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements” (including draft Terms of Reference) had been raised by National Grid NTS on 10/06/08 and is available to view or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Modifications/LiveMods/>

Additionally, this matter will be covered in more detail under item 4.0 on the agenda.

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

Action UKL1135: Closed

2. Other Industry Fora

Chair (JB) provided members with a verbal update on all recently “closed” UNC modifications that would require a UK Link Change, and advised them that the modification report is available to view and download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/UNCCSubCommittees/UKLinkCommittee/2008Meetings/>

JB highlighted the fact that 0187A “Alterations to the RMSEC Auction to Accommodate Transfer and Trade of Capacity between ASEPs” had been implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 01/06/08. A presentation relating to Trade and Transfer impacts associated with this modification was provided at the Operational Forum meeting on Tuesday 10/06/08. It should be noted that some additional functionality may be included within a later Gemini release.

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:

- 0116A/0116BV/0116CVV/0116V & 0116VD “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements”. The Authority has decided to reconsider this suite of modifications. Of the suite, only 0116A would appear to have no system impacts, the remainder would possibly have major system impacts, depending upon which modification was implemented.

Chair (JB) advised members that modifications 0195/0195A “Introduction of Enduring NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements” is also considering the same area of work. With regards to Exit Reform in general, Ofgem have received 20 responses to their information request and will soon be undertaking an Impact Assessment with a report due end of June, early July 08 to facilitate a target implementation date of November 08;

- 0157 “Review of IGT Settlement and Reconciliation Arrangements”. The Review Group are scheduled to present their report at the July 08 Panel meeting;
- 0175 “Encouraging Participation in the elective Daily Metered Regime”. The Review Group are scheduled to present their report at the June 08 Panel meeting;
- 0192 “Introduction of DNO obligations to facilitate resolution of unresolved USRVs”. Currently being considered within the Distribution Workstream with a workstream report due at the August 08 Panel meeting;
- 0194 “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error - Energy”. Development Work Group scheduled to report to the July 08 Panel meeting;
- 0202 “Improvement to More Frequent Readings Provisions to allow benefits of AMR”. Consultation has closed and publication of the Final Modification Report is expected on 10/06/08;
- 0203V “Revision to DN Shrinkage Regime”. The May UNC Panel has recommended implementation. Now awaiting an Authority decision;
- 0204 “Amendment to the calculation of WCF”. The April UNC Panel has recommended implementation. Now awaiting an Authority decision;
- 0208 “Information relating to Unallocated Energy”. Review Group are still considering and system impacts are yet to be decided. Review Group scheduled to report back to the September 08 Panel meeting;
- 0209 “Rolling AQ”. Following on from RG0177 and looking to introduce a monthly rolling AQ review. The Development Work Group met for the first time on 14/05/08. A second meeting looking at validation requirements, amongst other things, is scheduled to take place on 18/06/08;
- 0210 “Implementation of DNPC03 (LDZ System Charges – Capacity / Commodity Split and Interruptible Discounts), the Alignment of Failure to Interrupt Charges and the Alignment of the IFA Charge”. The Final Modification Report will be considered at the June 08 UNC Panel meeting;
- 0216 “Introduction of an Additional Discretionary Release Mechanism for NTS Entry Capacity” & 0216A “Introduction of Additional Pay-as-Bid Auctions for NTS Entry Capacity”. Consultation ended on 09/06/08 and the Final Modification Reports are due to be published shortly, and
- 0217 “Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements”. A UNC Review Proposal raised by National Grid NTS on 10/06/08 and including draft terms of reference. Expect

UK Link Manual impacts rather than system related impacts. Due to be considered at the June 08 Panel meeting.

JB informed members that at the Operational Forum met on Tuesday 10/06/08, xoserve (R Griffiths) provided a Gemini Update presentation whilst National Grid NTS (P Gallagher) provided a presentation on the Gemini Contingency Arrangements – this will also be covered under item 4.0 of the agenda.

xoserve (CW) advised members that xoserve also provided an update on the recent Gemini Firewall (Ark Royal) problems advising that both xoserve and CSC are looking at how to resolve the ongoing Gemini system problems.

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

3.1 IAD Application Changes: Phase 1 Single Concurrent User

xoserve (DA) reminded members that this change is on the plan for information purposes only. He went on to point out that the original proposed implementation date for this change no longer applies as at the recent User Pays User Group (UPUG) meeting held on 02/06/08 members had requested that implementation of this change be delayed. It is expected that the 'scope' of the requested amendments will be ratified at the next UPUG meeting scheduled to take place on 14/07/08. However, due to timing constraints (i.e. the next UK Link meeting precedes the next UPUG meeting), the UK Link Committee may not have opportunity to discuss the changes further if the change takes place in July. It should be noted that the proposed governance of User Pays related changes will be via UPUG rather than the UK Link Committee. In acknowledging members concerns, DA will continue to provide suitable communications to the Committee for information.

When asked if this approach was acceptable to members, MB suggested that whilst happy with the general principle, he would expect any user pays related outages to be notified via the UK Link Committee report.

DA also highlighted the fact that at the last UPUG meeting, members discussed the potential changes to the IAD service, and web browser sensitivity issues. The proposed solution relied upon the 'Internet Explorer' browser, and whilst this is the predominantly used browser, investigations into provision of a more universal solution are being conducted.

Additionally, the proposed list of 8 IAD Users Self Service Password Reset security questions has now been rationalised down to 3, including the complete removal of the 'Mother's Maiden Name' option.

Please note: copies of the various UPUG meeting minutes are/will be available to view or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.com/industryinfo/UPDocs/Meetings2008/>

Action UKL1136: xoserve (DA) to provide suitable IAD UPUG related update communications to UK Link members

3.2 IAD Application Changes: Phase 2

xoserve (DA) informed members that this change is on the plan for information purposes only. Additionally, DA suggested that the 'Awaiting Scheduling' definition utilised in the 'Implementation Date (Not Approved)' field on the implementation plan should be adopted for all Non UK Link System related changes. Members agreed that this was acceptable. Please refer to item 3.1 for details.

3.3 CR13950 – Gemini Release Summer 2008

xoserve (DA) informed members that this is currently in development and the change remains 'on track' for a 17/08/08 implementation. Testing has highlighted problems with the rebate field in the ECO Invoice – TO Commodity Rebate (K24 & 26 records) whereby the field size will need to be increased from the current four (4) decimal places to eight (8). The 1st issue of the revised files is expected to be February 2009. A communication relating to this matter will be issued on Friday 13/06/08.

3.4 CR13958 – Revised LDZ Shrinkage Arrangements

xoserve (DA) informed members that this is currently in development and the change remains 'on track' for an August 08 implementation.

3.5 CR13885 – Application of interruptible capacity discounts following a change in capacity/commodity split

xoserve (DA) informed members that this is currently in development and the change remains 'on track' for a October 08 implementation.

3.6 CR13923 – Revision to the USRV Financial Incentives Arrangements

xoserve (DA) informed members that this change was implemented on 21/05/08.

3.7 CR 13829 – DN Interruption Reform Phase 2

xoserve (DA) informed members that this change was implemented on 24/05/08.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

4.1 Topic 009UKL Gemini Contingency Arrangements

A copy of the presentation is available to view or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/UNCCSubCommittees/UKLinkCommittee/2008Meetings/>

National Grid NTS (NR) ran through the presentation highlighting that a review of the web site communications mechanisms has highlighted the need for improvement. Additionally, the various scope items are referenced within the draft terms of reference for UNC Review Proposal 0217.

Chair (JB) took the opportunity to remind members of the broad review group procedure, as follows:

- 0217 will be presented to the June 08 panel for consideration;
- If established, a review group will 'normally' have 6 months in which to complete its work and report back to the panel with a recommendation;
- Should the proposal culminate in the preparation of a Gemini Code Contingency Guidelines' (GCCG) document, governance of this document would be via the Uniform Network Code Committee (UNCC), and
- Subsequent proposed changes to the GCCG document would require a 'majority' vote of 6:10 of the UNCC members (currently comprises 5 Shipper & 5 Transporter representatives).

Chair (JB) agreed to take an action to ensure that following the June Panel consideration of 0217, any communication issued in relation to their (the Panel's) decision would include the UK Link distribution listing.

Action UKL1137: Joint Office (JB) to include the UK Link Committee email distribution list on any June 08 UNC Panel communication relating to their (the Panel's) decision on 0217.

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)

Chair (JB) pointed out that the previous issue (Transaction data) highlighted on this report had now been resolved. This report was then 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 then accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

xoserve (DA) provided a brief review of the planned outages and thereafter this report was accepted.

8. AOB

xoserve (DA) pointed out to members that with regard to communication MB/834/DC issued on 09/06/08 and outlined the timetable for the project for consultation phases. In particular, it was emphasised that xoserve would welcome user participation in the consultation process which will focus on potential future xoserve system developments. The first meeting is scheduled for 2nd July, and requested that members confirm their attendance by emailing xoserve.Projectnexus@xoserve.com.

SSE (MB) enquired as to the progress of the DN Interruption auctions and whether or not xoserve had received any bids. DA responded that they had, although he had little data relating to the volumes involved. He agreed to take an action to discuss the matter with the Networks with a view to providing an update at the July meeting. JB reminded members that publication of this type of information is a Code requirement (UNC TPD G6.4.3 and G6.4.4 www.gasgovernance.com/Code/UniformNetworkCode) and will be provided in due course.

Action UKL1138: xoserve (DA) to discuss the DN Interruption bids (including volumes) with the Networks and report back to the July 08 UK Link Committee meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The July UK Link Committee meeting will commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 10 July 2008 and be held at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London, unless otherwise advised.

APPENDIX A

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee 12 June 08

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UKL 1131	10/04/08	1.2 (8.0)	Discuss potential change to the CSEP Reconciliation backing data format to 'mirror' the CSEP Invoice File with the Transporters.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at Aug 08 meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1132	08/05/08	1.2	E.ON Energy & RWE Npower to provide to xoserve samples from their respective top 5 rejection codes.	E.ON & RWE (CB & SS)	RWE have provided their samples Update from E.ON Energy due at July 08 meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1133	08/05/08	3.2	Issue a communication relating to introduction of the IAD User Password Reset functionality.	xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1134	08/05/08	3.4	Issue a communication relating to the DN Interruption Reform Phase 2 implementation date change.	xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1135	08/05/08	4.1	Provide a copy of the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements Review Group for consideration at the June UK Link Committee meeting.	National Grid (NR)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1136	12/06/08	3.1	Provide suitable IAD UPUG related update communications to UK Link members	xoserve (DA)	Update due at July 08 meeting.
UKL 1137	12/06/08	4.1	Include the UK Link Committee email distribution list on any June 08 UNC Panel communication relating to their (the Panel's) decision on 0217.	Joint Office (JB)	Update due at July 08 meeting.
UKL 1138	12/06/08	8.0	Discuss the DN Interruption bids (including volumes) with the Networks and report back to the July 08 UK Link Committee meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at July 08 meeting.

*** Key to action owners**

- DA Dave Addison, xoserve
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- CB Colette Baldwin, E.ON UK plc
- SS Stephanie Shepherd, RWE Npower