

UK LINK Committee Minutes

Thursday 12 March 2009

Teleconference

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Ashley Collins	(AC)	EDF Energy
Ali Tayyar	(AT)	StatoilHydro
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower

Apologies

Mark Cockayne	(MC)	xoserve
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1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions.

Appendix A contains a tabulated update on actions.

UKL 1152 – xoserve (DA) informed members that he had considered possible changes to the format of the fault report (report A), and concluded that it may be possible to change the report to show faults raised on a rolling monthly basis, once User requirements were confirmed. Further details will be confirmed in a communication to be issued in due course.

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

Action UKL 1152: Carried Forward

UKL 1153 – xoserve (DA) provided an update on the proposed Gemini Exit Reform changes informing members that his colleagues within xoserve are still undertaking analysis.

Chair (JB) pointed out to members that, whilst the NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements will become effective on 01 April 2009, there will be no UK Link related system changes during 2009. However, there will be some system changes in 2010.

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

Action UKL 1153: Carried Forward

2. Other Industry Fora

Chair (JB) provided members with a verbal update on the recently “closed” UNC modifications and advised them that the modification reports are available to view and download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site.

- 0192 “Introduction of DNO obligations to facilitate resolution of unresolved USRVs”. Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 21/02/09;

- 0195AV "Introduction of Enduring NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements". Chair (JB) informed members that the effective date for 0195AV is 01/04/09. Furthermore, whilst there are no UK Link related system changes during 2009, some will be forthcoming in 2010, and
- 0226 "Additional Data Requirements for the Administration of CSEP Supply Points". Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 01/10/09.

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:

- 0209 "Rolling AQ". Development Workgroup work has completed its work and are due to present their Final Development Workgroup Report at the March 09 panel meeting. There are some system impacts associated with the possible implementation of this modification;
- 0213V "Introduction of User Pays Governance Arrangements into the UNC". Currently awaiting an Authority decision. Whilst there are no system impacts associated with this the committee has an ongoing interest in User Pays aspects of UNC Modifications;
- 0217 "Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements". The Review Group has completed its work and are due to present their Final Review Group Report at the March 09 Panel meeting.

National Grid NTS (SM) informed members that it is their intention to raise a new UNC Modification Proposal in time for consideration at the April 09 Panel meeting. He went on to add that there will be both Transmission Workstream and Operational Forum involvement. Changes are restricted to the UK Link Manual only. If the Proposal is approved, participation in User testing will be mandatory with the first tests expected to take place in 2010;

- 0224 "Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime". Development Work Group (DWG) work is ongoing with UK Link system impacts being anticipated for DM Elective Regime participants. The group are scheduled to report back to the May 09 Panel meeting.

xoserve (DA) informed members that examples of the file formats had been given to the Distribution Workstream members seeking an initial view. It is their (the workstream members) view that the process would benefit from a UK Link Committee overview. With this in mind, DA intends to re-issue a previous communication relating to the matter within the Change Pack due Friday 13/03/09. He will be seeking responses via a 10 day consultation with a view to providing an update at the April 09 meeting.

DA went on to add that he would welcome feedback on the possible utilisation of the 'pseudo internal file formats' which are used by the DMSPs (Daily Metered Service Provider) and xoserve to provide information pertaining to the daily read service. SSE (MB) highlighted a possible change to the supplier scenario whereby xoserve will utilise the outgoing Shipper read in preference to the incoming Shipper read. In response, DA pointed out that this matter will be discussed in more detail at the April meeting. However, in instances of a DM to NDM transfer, it is the intention to utilise the DM estimate (generated by xoserve) as the incoming Shipper is able to replace it.

- 0227 "Implementation of an Industry AMR database to facilitate the change of supply process". Allocated to the Distribution Workstream and is still subject to further consideration prior to submission of a panel report in April 09. MB informed

members that the matter is now 'on hold' and the modification maybe withdrawn in due course;

- 0228/0228A "Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy". Anticipate some system impacts. The Final Modification Report will be presented to the March 09 Panel for their consideration;
- 0229 "Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified gas". Allocated to the Distribution Workstream for consideration with a panel report expected in April 09;
- 0238 "Amendment to Protected Information Provisions to facilitate DNO compliance with SPAA Schedule 23". Chair (JB) advised members that this will not impact UK Link systems as it is restricted to SCOGES IAD partition changes only. Currently awaiting an Authority decision;
- 0242 "Changes to the window for the submission of Valid Meter Readings". A new modification to be presented for consideration at the March 09 Panel meeting. DA informed members that this may involve some UK Link system changes;
- 0245 "Review of arrangements regarding the detection and investigation of Theft of Gas". Chair (JB) informed members that this is highlighted only to bring it to their attention it is not currently expected to involve any UK Link system related changes but as a Review Proposal it is possible that some may emerge, and
- 0246 "Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity User Commitment". Relating to security aspects associated with the auction processes with the proposer suggesting that there may be some UK Link system related impacts.

JB advised members that the next meeting of the Operational Forum is due to take place on Wednesday 18/03/09, at which xoserve are scheduled to provide a Gemini update. An 'advance' copy of their presentation is available to view &/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/UNCCSubCommittees/UKLinkCommittee/2009Meetings/>

He went on to add that whilst the aspects of the Disaster Recovery testing will be discussed under item 5.0 below, members should be aware that there have been some Batch Performance issues encountered.

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

3.1 COR 1133 – Facilitating the use of AMR in a DM Elective Regime

xoserve (DA) informed members that this remains on the plan for 'visibility purposes only'. He went on to inform members that he is anticipating a twelve (12) month development cycle with a view to bringing the change on stream in February 2010, or potentially June 2010. Additionally, DA advised members that he would welcome their views on the matter sooner, rather than later.

3.2 COR 1072 – Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements

xoserve (DA) advised members that the change remains 'on track' for a 17/05/09 implementation.

3.1 COR 1284 – Introduction of DNO Obligations to Facilitate Resolution of Unresolved USRV's

xoserve (DA) apologised for the typographical error, whereby the 'Mod Number' should read as 0192 and not 1192. This change was implemented on 21/02/09 and will now disappear off the plan.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

4.1 Topic 009UKL Gemini Contingency Arrangements

Chair (JB) informed members that Review Group 0217 had now completed its work and would be reporting their findings and recommendations to the March 09 Panel meeting. National Grid NTS are expected to raise a new UNC modification proposal in due course.

When asked, members agreed to close this topic.

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)

This 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)

xoserve (DA) reminded members that he intends to re-issue the previous communication relating to 0224 "Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime". Thereafter, the report was accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

Members briefly discussed the following:

- Full Disaster Recovery Test – scheduled for the Saturday 18 & Sunday 19/04/09. Communications during the outage period will be via ANS. If anyone has any concerns please contact Dene Williams or Dave Addison to discuss;
- Possible alignment of the UK Clock Changes to the change undertaken in the States (USA). DA informed members that he did not foresee any major problems if the UK follows the lead of the USA and dispenses with the October and March clock change;
- Enduring Transfer & Trades – as per the Implementation Plan, and
- Enhanced System Security Project – Implementation Outage – still awaiting confirmation of a date, but it will be after the Disaster Recovery outage.

8. AOB

Chair (JB) advised members that in light of the proposed detailed discussions relating to 0224 "Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime", a face to face meeting in April would be preferable.

Action UKL1154: Joint Office (MiB) to arrange the April 09 UK Link Committee meeting at a suitable London venue and issue a notification to the UK Link email listing asap.

Post meeting note: a room (no. 4) has been booked at the ENA Office in London in which to host the April 09 UKLink Commtee meeting – please refer to item 9 below for details.

9. Next Meeting

The April 2009 UK Link Committee meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 09 April 2009 at the ENA Office in London.

APPENDIX A

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee 12 March 2009

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UKL 1152	12/02/09	1.2 (5.1)	Investigate what changes could be made to the format of the fault reports and report back to the March 09 meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at April meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1153	12/02/09	1.2 (7)	Provide an update on the Gemini Exit changes at the March 09 meeting.	xoserve (DA)	Update due at April meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1154	12/03/09	8	Arrange the April 09 UKLink Committee meeting at a suitable London venue and issue a notification to the UKLink email listing asap.	Joint Office (MiB)	Room booked at ENA in London. Notification issued 12/03/09. Completed

* Key to action owner

DA David Addison, xoserve

MiB Mike Berrisford, Joint Office of Gas Transporters