

UK LINK Committee Minutes

Thursday 14 May 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
Caroline Watson	(CW)	xoserve
Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower

Apologies

Dave Addison	xoserve
Danielle King	E.ON UK
Mark Cockayne	xoserve

1. Review of Minutes and Actions

Chair (JB) opened by informing members that Caroline Watson is the nominated alternate for Mark Cockayne, on behalf of the Transporters.

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 (CW) informed members that communication EH/983/DA dated 09/04/09 outlined the proposed changes to reports A and B of the xoserve reporting pack. To date no comments have been received and it is anticipated that the June report pack will include the proposed changes. See also UKL 1155.

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

Action UKL 1152: Closed

UKL 1153 – xoserve (CW) confirmed that an update will be provided at the June meeting.

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

Action UKL 1153: Carried Forward

UKL 1155 – As per action UKL 1152, CW advised members that this item had been completed. JB suggested that having a high level Gemini presentation similar in style and content to the one provided at the Operational Forum meetings may prove beneficial. CW agreed to consider this but pointed out that any major Gemini issues would be relayed to the UK Link Committee.

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

Action UKL 1155: Closed

UKL 1156 – xoserve (CW) informed members that communication EH/894/DA dated 09/04/09 had been issued.

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

Action UKL 1156: Closed

2. Other Industry Fora

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.

- 0221 “Review of Entry Capacity and the Appropriate Allocation of Financial Risk”. The Review Group has now completed its work. The modification has now been superseded by modifications 0246/0246A/0246B;
- 0226 “Additional Data Requirements for the Administration of CSEP Supply Points”. Implemented with effect from 06:00hrs on 01/10/09, and
- 0233V “Changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Indebtedness Calculation”. Rejected 13/05/09.

JB opened by pointing out to members that both the modification proposal and report templates have been amended to incorporate a new section to enable identification of User Pays related impacts. Copies of the new modification proposal templates are available to view and/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Modifications/>

Moving on, he provided 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”. Consultation ended 09/05/09. EDF Energy indicated support for immediate implementation, whilst other supportive responses suggested inclusion within Project Nexus. Some responses did not support implementation of this modification;
- 0224 “Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime”. Due to the scope of the proposals an extended consultation period was agreed. Consultation ends 08/06/09;
- 0228/0228A “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy”. In both cases, the panel did not recommend implementation. Currently with the Authority awaiting a decision;
- 0229 “Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified gas”. Still being considered within the Distribution Workstream and is on the agenda for consideration at today’s meeting;
- 0242 “Changes to the window for the submission of Valid Meter Readings”. Currently with the Authority awaiting a decision;
- 0244 “Amending DM Supply Point Data for Sites with Significant Changes in Usage”, 0244A “Introduction of an Exception Process for Decreases in Supply Point Capacity (SOQ) at Daily Metered (DM) Supply Points” and 0244B “Amending DM Supply Point Data for Sites with Significant Changes in Usage”. Currently with the Authority awaiting a decision;
- 0246/0246A/0246B “Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity User Commitment”. In the responses, 0246B was the most favoured option. In the event that 0246B is approved, parties will need to provide forward security to cover their long term entry provisions;

- 0250 “Introduction of the Code Contingency Guidelines Document”. Due to be considered at the 21/05/09 UNC Panel meeting. Both the modification proposal and the guidelines have been realigned. It is proposed that the guidelines will be included within the UK Link Manual.

Currently the UK Link Manual is undergoing a review and progress updates will be provided in due course, and

- 0253 “Facilitating a Supply Point Enquiry Service for Large Supply Points”. The proposal seeks to open up the Supply Point Enquiry information provision, as defined within UNC TPD Section G1.17, to include larger supply points. Participation will be on a voluntary basis and the service will be charged for via a User Pays Service Charge.

Chair (JB) proceeded by informing members that two User Pays meetings had taken place on 11/05/09. During the meetings the E.ON draft proposal looking to investigate an alternative communication mechanism to replace the current end number DVD provision with something like a file transfer mechanism was discussed.

JB then advised members that the Operational Forum had last met on Wednesday 15/04/09 where a minor Gemini outage, limited to delays in obtaining, auction, demand and line pack data, was discussed. Additionally, at the forum xoserve provided a status update on Change Request 14001 “Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements” and the successful Gemini Disaster Recovery Test on 18 and 19/04/09.

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 (CW) informed members that xoserve are currently awaiting the Authority decision on UNC Modification 0224 before preceding further with this change request.

3.2 COR 1353 – DNO Failure to Supply Gas Process – Facilitating Compensation Payments to End Users on iGt & DNO Networks

xoserve (CW) advised members that xoserve anticipate issuing a communication relating to this matter on Friday 15/05/09 which will be accompanied by inclusion of the file formats. Implementation is scheduled for 14/08/09. JB reminded members that they will be required to waive the six month notification rule at the June meeting to facilitate implementation in August.

3.3 COR 664.1 – Amendments to Issue Methodology for OUG & CMP Backup Information

xoserve (CW) advised members that xoserve are currently reviewing whether to retain the current email communication mechanism or replace/supplement it with an IX based solution. However, it should be noted that this change request may be withdrawn in due course.

3.4 CR14001 – Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements

xoserve (CW) informed members that a Gemini outage is scheduled to take place this weekend (17/05/09). Currently the change request remains ‘on track’ and pre outage testing is ongoing with a Go/No Go decision likely tomorrow, Friday 15 May 2009. xoserve anticipate providing regular progress updates on the Active Notification Service (ANS) throughout the duration of the outage.

3.5 Introduction of New DNI Rejection DNI00549

xoserve (CW) informed members that this change request remains 'on track' for a 31/05/09 implementation and thereafter the 1st issue of the rejection code will take place in June 09.

3.6 CR13885.2 – IFA Database Amendment

xoserve (CW) informed members that the change request was successfully implemented on 09/04/09.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

No current business for discussion.

5. Performance Reporting

Chair (JB) opened by pointing out the changes included in reports A & B in accordance with UKL actions 1152 and 1155.

xoserve (CW) then 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)

RWE Npower (SS) enquired as to why the May 2009 'Transactions per day' figures were almost double the previous month. In response, CW indicated that she was unsure as to the cause, but would look into it and report back to the June meeting. JB suggested that use of API's (Application Program Interfaces) may inflate the figures. [Article on APIs](#)

Action UKL1157 – xoserve (CW) to investigate why the May 2009 Transactions per day figures looks to be falsely inflated.

Thereafter, 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 (CW) informed members that she was not aware of any Gemini Re-Platforming issues or adverse comments.

Thereafter, the report was accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

xoserve (CW) pointed out that the Gemini Enduring Transfer and Trades outage remains on track for 17/05/09 and to date there are no known problems.

Thereafter, the report was accepted.

8. AOB

xoserve (CW) provided members with an update on the following items of interest:

- SSD Code Change

xoserve expect to issue a communication on behalf of Sue Prosser, relating to the change to four (4) SSD Codes to reflect the correct back-stop date, on Friday 15/05/09.

- UNC Modification Proposal 0250 Update

Revised version 2.0 of this (new) proposal is to be presented at the May 09 UNC panel meeting for consideration and is looking to go direct to consultation.

Chair (JB) informed members that legal advice was that the guidelines would 'fit' better within the UK Link Manual and reiterated that both the proposal and accompanying guidelines are available to view and/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Modifications/LiveMods/>

9. Next Meeting

The June 2009 UK Link Committee meeting will be via teleconference and is scheduled to commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 11 June 2009.

APPENDIX A

ACTION LOG: UK Link Committee 14 May 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 provided. Closed
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 June meeting. Carried Forward
UKL 1155	09/04/09	1.2 (5)	Issue a communication seeking views on revision of the timing for certain elements of the report pack.	xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1156	09/04/09	1.2 (8)	Issue a communication to promote awareness of the progress of the Strategic Changes, including a delivery assessment.	xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1157	14/05/09	5.2	Investigate why the May 2009 Transactions per day figures looks to be falsely inflated.	xoserve (CW)	Update due at June meeting.

*** Key to action owner**

CW Caroline Watson, xoserve

DA David Addison, xoserve