

UK LINK Committee Minutes

Thursday 14 July 2005

10 Old Bailey, London

Attendees

John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters	Chair
Dennis Rachwal	(DR)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters	Secretary
Caroline Purcell	(CP)	xoserve	Member
David Mayne	(DM)	RWE npower	Member
Hazel Doyle	(HD)	EDF	Member
Martin Brandt	(MB)	Scottish and Southern Energy plc	Member
Nicola Evans	(NE)	Wales and West	Member
Mark Pitchford	(MP)	Scottish Power	Member alternate
Richard Slane	(RS)	British Gas Trading Limited	Member alternate
Arti Shah	(AS)	Statoil	
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve	
John Regan	(JR)	NGT Gemini	
Mick Curtis	(MC)	e=mc ²	
Tim Davis	(TD)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters	

1 Review of Minutes and Actions from June UK Link Committee (UKLC)

1.1 Minutes from June's meeting

MC had the following comments on the June minutes.

- 3.3.2 action was not clear on what xoserve was going to do, but accepted this would emerge at this meeting.
- 4.2 action should include Gemini to bring options for dealing with nominal 12-hour outage for consideration – both commercial and technical.
- 4.2 action should state that Gemini outage date was provisionally agreed but this was dependent on agreement of satisfactory timing and processes for the outage window

Subject to these comments, the minutes were agreed.

1.2 Actions

All actions identified in the June minutes were closed during the course of this meeting with two follow up actions identified.

- 3.2 Gemini to provide further update at July meeting – see item 3.1
- 3.3.1 CR12494 CSEPS LMN AQ and EUC provision in CEP (CSEP supporting information). DA reported that some significant performance issues had arisen regarding the CSEPs invoicing, and that analysis was still being undertaken to understand whether the changes could be made.

Action xoserve to confirm status regarding implementation and, if relevant, date of first invoice issue.

- 3.3.2 Prime & Sub-deducts xoserve to confirm position. – DA reported that no systemised solution had been developed for Primes and Subs. xoserve would manually process information provided using a composite form by fax or e-mail, or update Sites and Meters where instructed to do so via Conquest. Alternatively, xoserve would monitor the ONJOB and ONUPD transactions, and update Sites and Meters where the ONLY rejection provided related to the meter point link code being either Prime or Sub-deduct (10100). Where additional rejections

were experienced, these would need to be resolved prior to xoserve being able to action the update. The standard of service was queried.

Action xoserve to clarify standard of service for the manual process.

- 4.2 Gemini Implementation Outage information for finalising agreement on outage detail – see item 4.1
- 7.1 New market participants file flow clarification – DA reported that validation was applied against input transactions (eg K08 MAM_GAO Detail) providing market participants identity provided to Transporter systems for both MAM and Supplier id to ensure that such values are valid at time of receipt. DA highlighted that where MDD values were withdrawn, and Users did not provide updates, output files from the Transporter systems may contain historic values that were no longer valid – eg K12 MAM_GAO Detail.

In respect of actions agreed previously, DA clarified that action Aug04-01 was closed – no representations were received on the change arising from industry cutover to RA1-7.

2 Review of UK Link Modifications and Topics Status Report

This report was reviewed and an updated version accompanies these minutes.

Some further detail on UK Link Modifications is reported in items 3 and 4.

Topic 002UKL was discussed. DA indicated that DL1, CEP, CRE and USI files were in scope for file format consultation on a “no liabilities” basis. Other files withdrawn at RGMA implementation will be removed from extranet.

DA identified that the IGT to Transporter (CRI) file should remain out of scope of the UK Link Committee. This was acknowledged by the meeting.

SC95 files were discussed. These are due for replacement, but the Committee requested that these also be considered for inclusion.

MB requested CONQUEST files be included within the Governance. DA agreed that this was reasonable, and that he would investigate including these formats on extranet. DA reiterated that these formats would also not be subject to liabilities and this was acknowledged.

Action xoserve to complete definition of which files included in “no liabilities” file format consultation, and ensure that extranet is updated accordingly.

3 Implementation Plan of Current Changes

3.1 Gemini Progress (JR)

(In addition to information to reports for Periods Ending 17 June 05 and 1 July 05)

Shipper training was complete.

Shipper trials were expected to run through until 12 August 2005.

High volume test on 5 July 2005 had 56 user IDs active. The test was effective in that issues were identified. All but one of these had already been resolved and work is in hand to clear the last

3.2 Gemini Implementation Plan (JR)

JR reported that as a result the Gemini Shipper Working on 6 July 2005 and the NGTT Operational Forum on 12 July 2005 the following had been agreed:

Gas Day	Time	Item
17 Oct	22:00	AT Link “midnight” demand attribution to be run early
17 Oct	23:00	AT Link switch to read only access, NGTT begin to accept faxed gas renoms

17 Oct	01:00	AT Link "read only" access cease
17 Oct	04:00	Faxed gas renom window close
18 th Oct	13:00	Gemini system goes live

MC requested that shippers receive confirmation that their faxed renoms have been received so that issues could be resolved within the 5-day energy balancing close out period.

Action JR to request NGTT to provide acknowledgement of faxed renoms and report back.

There was consensus support for the Implementation Plan from the Committee.

3.3 Other Changes (DA)

3.3.1 CR13618 'Network Code Reading & Customer Transfer Programme Modifications'

DA reported that 3 shipper reps had been received and a response circulated. The SSE and EDF requests for additional Metering Reading Source code could not be met due to near exhaustion of all available codes in the current solution.

DA clarified that implementation in November was required following pressure to implement changes to facilitate innovative metering solutions on Transporters' systems.

DA reported an issue identified on file formats regarding compliance with UNCC M3.8.7 and 3.8.8 which stated that replacement opening readings may only be from an 'agreed' source. There was consensus support that Q code indicates it is an agreed reading.

DA outlined the Mod 0693 mechanism for limiting single and multiple Users to the peak daily capacity. Whilst there was support from the Committee, it was recognised that other shippers should be consulted.

Action: xoserve to use Urgent Shipper Communication to determine if there are any objections to the Mod 693 solution for applying the peak daily capacity of the UMR records..

Action Update: xoserve issued communication NR/494/DA seeking comment on the peak daily capacity. Following legal advice, the source of opening replacement readings has been limited to those flagged as 'Agreed' (source 'A'). Comments to be received by no later than **22 July 2005**.

3.3.2 CR13629 Datalogger Support File.

DA reported that the 2 representations received agreed to the change. MB reported that SSE had not received sufficient detail in the original communication. Based on the information it had received, it was satisfied with the structure but requested consistent Network Operator Codes, and for the communication to be re-issued.

Action: xoserve to address SSE concern about consistent Network Operator Codes

Action Update: xoserve issued communication NR/495/PG providing a further period for shipper comment upon the formats issued in NR/488/TM. The Network Operator field has been updated to include the relevant Allowable Values.

4 Planned Outages

4.1 Gemini

As stated in 3.2 above, there was consensus support for the Implementation Plan from the Committee.

4.2 Other

None

5 Performance Reporting

5.1 IS Faults logged by Shippers

No queries raised.

5.2 UK-Link Business Support Agreement (AT-Link)

No queries raised.

5.3 Liabilities Report

No queries raised.

6 File Format and Urgent Communications

Nothing additional to report.

7 AOB

7.1 EDF Change request for DPS file to include supplier start date

CP indicated she did not regard this as a Class 2 UK Link Modification Proposal as the information is already available to shippers - as stated in the Change Request.

7.2 Solution for discovery of meter changes at unknown dates

MB outlined a scenario where a shipper takes on a site and discovers that the meter has been changed but it does not know the date of the change. He was concerned the solution proposed to date by xoserve could result in data mismatch between MAM and other parties.

Action xoserve to report back proposed mechanism for handling meter changes at unknown dates.

7.3 Solution for LDZ capacity supporting information (CZS) file

DA reported that one shipper had notified a potential issue with the numbering convention used by xoserve. He proposed to resolve by changing to the Invoice numbering convention. Two parties indicated acceptance. The other parties present expressed a need to evaluate.

Action xoserve to issue notification on revised CZS numbering convention to determine if there are any shipper concerns.

Action Update: Communication NR/494/DA issued to wider community to solicit comments to be received no later than Friday 22 July 2005.

8 Diary of Future Meetings

10 am Thursday 11 August 05

10 am Thursday 8th September 05

(to be followed (no earlier than 11:30 am) by meeting on Governance Workstream Topic 002Gov UK Link System Modification Classes.

10 am Thursday 13 October 2005

10 am Thursday 10 November 2005

10 am Thursday 8 December 2005