

UK LINK Committee Minutes

Thursday 15 January 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
Danielle King	(DK)	E.ON UK plc
Dave Addison	(DA)	xoserve
Sean McGoldrick	(SM)	National Grid NTS
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	xoserve

Apologies

Martin Brandt	(MB)	SSE
Stephanie Shepherd	(SS)	RWE Npower

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 1146 – xoserve (DA) informed members that the previous information reporting fault within the 'Average GEMINI Transaction Response Times and Transaction Volumes' table has now been resolved.

Chair (JB) suggested that now that the performance information is available, perhaps members would like to consider whether or not, a formal UKLC Audit (in respect of the 2007/08 Gas Year) would be required. He pointed out that historically these have been waived. The members supported the waiving of this formal audit. In response, JB undertook an action to bring this decision (in respect of the 2007/08 Gas Year) to the attention of the Uniform Network Code Committee (UNCC) at the January 09 meeting.

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

Action UKL 1146: Closed

Action UKL 1150: Joint Office (JB) to inform the UNCC that the UKLC had decided to waive the request for a formal performance audit (in respect of the 2007/08 Gas Year).

**Post meeting note: UNC Committee informed on 15/01/2009.*

2. Other Industry Fora

Chair (JB) provided members with a verbal update that all 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". DA informed members that there will be an element of visibility of the new ad-hoc

charge types. The information will be provided to the February Billing Operations Forum accompanied with a courtesy copy to the UKLC members.

Action UKL 1151: xoserve (DA) to provide information on new ad-hoc charge types as a result of implementing UNC Proposal 0192 to the UK Link circulation list.

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”. Currently awaiting an Authority decision. JB informed members that at yesterday’s Operational Forum meeting, the authority representative indicated that a decision is expected within the next few days looking to approve implementation of 0195AV with an effective implementation date of 01 April 2009. He went on to point out that there are anticipated system implications from 2010. For 2009 manual processes will be used including the Ad-hoc auctions expected from October 2009;
- 0209 “Rolling AQ”. Development Workgroup work is ongoing with the next meeting scheduled for 11/02/09 to consider the draft legal text. The group are expected to present their final report at the January 09 panel meeting;
- 0213V “Introduction of User Pays Governance Arrangements into the UNC”. Consultation scheduled to end 06/02/09;
- 0217 “Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements”. The scheduled Review Group meeting for today has been cancelled to enable National Grid NTS sufficient time to provide the necessary information, in time for the 12/02/09 meeting;
- 0219 “Publication of UK Wholesale Gas Market Liquidity Data”. Has potential Class 1 Gemini interface related impacts – may require a Gemini feed into the National Grid web site. The 18/12/08 panel recommended implementation and the modification is currently awaiting an Authority decision;
- 0224 “Facilitating the use of AMR in the Daily Metered Elective Regime”. Development Work Group work is ongoing with UK Link system impacts being anticipated for DM Elective Regime participants. The Group are expected to present a report at the February 09 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;
- 0228/0228A “Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy”. Anticipate some system impacts. Consultation scheduled to end 06/02/09;
- 0229 “Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified gas”. This is being discussed at today’s Distribution Workstream meeting looking at the ‘Energy Relation Proposals’. A workstream is due to report at the January 09 panel meeting;
- 0233 “Changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Indebtedness Calculation”. Final Modification Report due to be reconsidered at the January 09 panel meeting. MC informed members that he will be meeting with National Grid to consider the legal text requirements and this may result in some minor changes to the modification. JB added that the initial proposals look to introduce some interim manual processes which will be later superseded by systematised versions, and
- 0238 “Amendment to Protected Information Provisions to facilitate DNO compliance with SPAA Schedule 23”. May have Gemini interface impacts

(partitioning of IAD supplier information), although no 'direct' user impacts involved. Currently awaiting an Authority decision.

JB advised members that the Operational Forum had met on Wednesday 14/01/09 and that aspects of the meeting will be discussed elsewhere within item 5.0 below.

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

3.1 CR14001 – Enduring Transfer and Trade Arrangements

xoserve (DA) informed members that the change remains in development and that the proposed implementation date is now 17/05/09. He informed members that the proposed template(s) contain some minor anomalies which will be amended before implementation takes place.

3.2 IAD Application Changes

xoserve (DA) advised members that the change was successfully implemented on 06/12/08.

4. Review of Topics Status Report

4.1 Topic 009UKL Gemini Contingency Arrangements

Chair (JB) informed members that Review Group 0217 is next scheduled to meet on 12/02/09 and that 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)

Chair (JB) provided a brief run through of the figures.

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)

Chair (JB) highlighted the close-out of the Project Nexus Stage 3 Consultation (EH/885/GF) to members.

This report was accepted.

7. Planned Outages (xoserve Report E)

Chair (JB) provided an update on the xoserve Gemini Update presentation as provided at the previous day's Operational Forum meeting. DA advised members that the 'Full Disaster Recovery' test has been provisionally scheduled for March – the actual date will be confirmed in due course following discussions with National Grid NTS, but will NOT coincide with the clock change weekend. A copy of the presentation is available to view and/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/UNCCSubCommittees/UKLinkCommittee/2009Meetings/>

DA then informed members that the IAD System outage on 11/01/09 went without a hitch.

8. AOB

DA informed members that the forthcoming change pack will include a minor administrative change (consolidation of the Code list – NOM 36 & 37 will go straight into the live list) which will NOT require a formal consultation.

9. Next Meeting

The February 2009 UK Link Committee meeting will commence at 10:00 am on Thursday 12 February 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 15 January 2009

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 (MC/DA)	Update provided Closed
UKL 1150	15/01/09	1.2	Inform the UNCC that the UKLC had decided to waive the request for a formal performance audit (in respect of the 2007/08 Gas Year).	Joint Office (JB)	Completed 15/01/09.
UKL 1151	15/01/09	2	Provide information on new ad-hoc charge types as a result of implementing UNC Proposal 0192 to the UK Link circulation list	xoserve (DA)	Update due at Feb 09 meeting.

*** Key to action owner**

JB John Bradley, Joint Office of Gas Transporters

DA David Addison, xoserve