

Project Nexus
AMR 15 Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday 16 November 2010

at the National Grid Office, 31 Homer Road, Solihull

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	Scottish & Southern Energy
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Elaine Carr*	(EC)	ScottishPower
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Graham Wood	(GW)	Centrica
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Jonathan Wisdom	(JW)	RWE npower
Lisa Harris	(LH)	Shell Gas Direct
Michael Payley	(MP)	xoserve
Michele Downes	(MD)	xoserve
Peter Thompson	(PT)	Customer Representative
Sean McGoldrick	(SMc)	National Grid NTS
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	xoserve

Apologies

Joel Martin	Scotland Gas Networks
Simon Trivella	Wales & West Utilities

* denotes via a teleconference link

1. Introduction

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Review of Minutes

LH pointed out that on page 2, the bullet point 5.3.3 & 5.3.4 should read as 5.2.2, and furthermore in the second bullet point for paragraph 5.3.7, remove the final sentence. Referring to item 2.3 on page 4, BD indicated that he was unsure he actually made the statement and asked for it to be removed. Thereafter, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of actions

Action AMR019: All Shippers to provide a view on which party should be tasked with collecting/holding data relating to reasons for resynchs.

Update: CW advised that from a Transporter perspective, he was unsure why they would wish to hold such data. BF suggested that this would now be 'covered' under the Business Rules Document discussions. When asked, those present agreed to close the action.

Closed

Action AMR025: Shell (LH) to report back to colleagues and seek a view on the Transporter provision of a D-7 estimated read and report back at the next meeting.

Update: LH advised that she has spoken with her colleagues who retain their 'original' view on the Transporter provision of an estimated read for process 2. However, they do acknowledge that their ultimate position maybe 'coloured' by the future frequency of actual reads at D+1. BF suggested that the consideration of this matter could continue under the BRD discussions later in the meeting. When asked, those present agreed to close the action.

Closed

Action AMR026: xoserve (FC) to update the Business Rules Document in line with suggested amendments in time for consideration at the next meeting.

Update: BF advised that a revised BRD (v0.8 dated 08/11/10) had been published prior to the meeting. When asked, those present agreed to close the action.

Closed

Action AMR027: Joint Office (MiB) to add two new items on the WG15 agenda for the 16/11/10 meeting to 'cover' both consideration of the current Code (Read) Validation Rules (Tolerances) specifically validation of shipper estimates and the points raised by the Gas Customer Forum members with regard to the Supply Point Enquiry Service presentation made by GE and RS at the 25/10/10 meeting.

Update: PT provided a brief update on the Gas Customer Forum members view on the Supply Point Enquiry Service and specifically the 3rd Party Data Access provisions. Two key points for possible concern being:

- customer authorisation (warrant) process to grant access to their data by an approved 3rd party, and
- what data should be made available.

GE suggested that following his (and R Street's) presentation to the 25/10/10 GCF this aspect of the action had now been completed. Furthermore, he anticipates raising a new UNC modification to go to the December Panel. Whilst it could go direct to consultation, he believes that it would probably benefit more by being discussed in more detail within a development work group to which customer representatives would be more than welcome to participate.

Closed

Post meeting note: a copy of the 25/10/10 GCF meeting minutes is available to view &/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/GCF/251010>.

2. Scope and Deliverables

Copies of the various presentation materials are available to view &/or download from the Joint Office of Gas Transporters web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/161110>.

2.1 Further Consideration of Meter Reading Arrangements

2.1.1 PNUNC AMR Topic Workgroup Meeting 15 – Meter Reading presentation

xoserve (MD), provided a brief overview of the presentation. Members identified the following points of interest:

Objectives for Future Meetings slide

In considering the 'Resynchronisation to Reconciliation' bullet point, those present debated whether or not further discussion is needed on the difference between AMR equipment providing derived v's actual reads, and whether there needs to be a mandatory resynch where the AMR equipment submits an actual read.

FC suggested that discussion points towards a new requirement to consider derived v's actual reads, and should we also consider how we would 'police' whether a resynch is required? (i.e. introduction of an auditing/checking process).

BF suggested, and those present agreed, that the Resynch and Reconciliation topic should consider this matter in more detail.

2.1.2 Business Requirements Document for AMR Meter Reading document discussions and review

xoserve (FC) provided an overview of the 'Business Requirements Document for AMR Meter Reading (v0.8 dated 08/11/10)' document.

During the review of the BRD, the following points were considered/raised:

- benefits will be aligned with Transporter's relevant objectives;
- ideally the UNC & Licence impacts should be considered prior to the raising of any new UNC modification proposals;
- any modifications raised prior to Nexus concluding (implementation) will need to stand on their own two feet with regard to cost v's benefit assessments;
- three new modification proposals are currently being drafted by ICoSS members to be submitted to the December Panel;
 - 1x Supply Point Enquiry Service;
 - 1x Daily Read Provision (based in part on these discussions), and
 - 1x Market Differentiation.
- the BRD will be 'plagiarised' to form the basis of the proposals;
- relating to 3.5 Assumptions - identification of who may be a submitting party should be deferred until more clarity is forthcoming in February 2011;
- introduction of the AUGE in 2012 precedes Nexus concluding and any potential system delivery;
- how parties will 'elect' between processes (1 to 4) will need to be 'bottomed out' in due course;
 - need to consider the sites that drop out of RbD and their impact on AUGE.
 - concerns remain over adoption of a global caveat for AMR sites dropping out of RbD and the 'knock on' effect on unallocated gas.
- work has commenced on the 'to be' process maps which will appear in due course;
- section 5 Business Requirements Definition – assumes the DMV (annual check reads process) has gone;

- concern remains over what happens in process 2 therefore;
- some see process 1 as benefitting from retention of annual check reads.
- Shell remain concerned about Transporter D-7 estimates in process 2;
- an absolute AQ trigger level for process 2 is difficult to identify – any suggestions would be welcomed;
 - Code must read obligations are ‘silent’ with regard to resynchronisation requirements;
 - It was decided to defer consideration of the setting of a suitable AQ consumption threshold for sites with derived readings in process 2 until a later date;
 - suggestion is that for every meter with AMR kit and actual reads (i.e. no resynchs needed), a 2 yearly check read is required;
 - for Code purposes, ‘derived’ will need to be clearly defined.
- the Read Validation Rules (covering validation and estimation) are most likely to be considered within the appropriate proposal;
- with regard to Change of Supplier – in DM only terms, resynchs ‘bridge back’ across both the outgoing and incoming shipper(s) to the last (previous) resynch and is shared across both parties;
 - from a Transporter’s perspective, all they need to know is if there is a reading and the period of reconciliation involved.
- the treatment of AMR drift/resynchronisations will need to be reconsidered in line with discussions around derived v’s actual reads.

In closing, consideration was given to four possible new actions, outlined in item 4.1 below.

2.1.3 Draft Process Maps

xoserve (FC) requested that, for the time being, these remain for reference only and will be published prior to any Workgroup discussion.

2.2 Consideration of Current Code Validation Rules

BF advised that this item maybe discussed at a future meeting, if convened.

2.3 Gas Customer Forum Feedback on the Supply Point Enquiry Service

Please refer to update on Action AMR027 above.

2.4 Ratchets & Reconciliation

BF advised that this item maybe discussed at a future meeting, if convened.

2.5 Market Differentiation

BF advised that this item maybe discussed at a future meeting, if convened.

2.6 Alignment of IRR requirements

BF advised that this item maybe discussed at a future meeting, if convened.

2.5 Transitional Arrangements

BF advised that this item maybe discussed at a future meeting, if convened.

3. Workgroup Report

3.1 Preparation of Monthly/Final Report

BF advised that he would provide a verbal report in due course.

4. Workgroup Process

4.1 Agree actions to be completed ahead of the next meeting

The following new actions were discussed:

New Action AMR028: All parties to consider what would constitute an appropriate AQ consumption threshold for utilisation in process 2.

New Action AMR029: National Grid Distribution (CW) to investigate the provision of drift related information (DM resynch frequencies and volume data).

New Action AMR030: xoserve/Transporters to consider what the current validation process is, and how it would need to be amended to suit utilisation in the four proposed processes (i.e. develop a draft validation process for consideration at a future meeting, if and when, convened).

New Action AMR031: xoserve (FC) to update the Business Rules Document in line with suggested amendments in time for consideration at a future meeting.

5. Diary Planning

Those present acknowledged that the Workstream meeting scheduled for 10/12/10 would be considering reviewing the high-level principles and 2011 meeting planning requirements in light of previous points raised during this meeting.

In discussing the 2011 requirements, it was agreed to adopt a similar schedule for the meetings. i.e. space them at roughly 3 weekly intervals. However, it was pointed out that under the new proposed Code Governance arrangements, Workstreams will cease to exist and modifications will be ‘bundled’ under related subject areas.

The following meeting is scheduled to take place during December 2010:

Title	Date	Location
Workstream	10/12/2010	The Holiday Inn, 61 Homer Road, Solihull.

New ActionAMR032: Joint Office (MiB) to undertake the booking of provisional meeting dates in 2011 for consideration at the Project Nexus Workstream meeting on 10/12/10.

6. Any Other Business

None.

Appendix 1

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
AMR019	17.08.10	2.1	Shippers to provide a view on which party should be tasked with collecting/holding data relating to reasons for resynchs.	All Shippers	Update provided. Closed
AMR025	01.11.10	2.1.2	Report back to colleagues and seek a view on the Transporter provision of a D-7 estimated read and report back at the next meeting.	Shell (LH)	Update provided. Closed
AMR026	01.11.10	2.1.2	Update the Business Rules Document in line with suggested amendments in time for consideration at the next meeting.	xoserve (FC)	Update provided. Closed
AMR027	01.11.10	4.1	Add two new items on the WG15 agenda for the 16/11/10 meeting to 'cover' both consideration of the current Code (Read) Validation Rules (Tolerances) specifically validation of shipper estimates and the points raised by the Gas Customer Forum members with regard to the Supply Point Enquiry Service presentation made by GE and RS at the 25/10/10 meeting.	Joint Office (MiB)	Update provided. Closed
AMR028	16.11.10	2.1.2	Consider what would constitute an appropriate AQ consumption threshold for utilisation in process 2.	All	Update to be provided in due course.
AMR029	16.11.10	2.1.2	Investigate the provision of drift related information (DM resynch frequencies and volume data).	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Update to be provided in due course.
AMR030	16.11.10	2.1.2	Consider what the current validation process is, and how it would need to be amended to suit utilisation in the four proposed processes (i.e. develop a draft validation	xoserve (FC) & Transporters (CW)	Update to be provided in due course.

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			process for consideration at a future meeting, if and when, convened).		
AMR031	16.11.10	2.1.2	Update the Business Rules Document in line with suggested amendments in time for consideration at a future meeting.	xoserve (FC)	Update to be provided in due course.
AMR032	16.11.10	5.	Undertake the booking of provisional meeting dates in 2011 for consideration at the Project Nexus Workstream meeting on 10/12/10.	Joint Office (MiB)	Update to be provided in due course.