

UNC Workgroup 0692S Minutes Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency

25 July 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Bob Fletcher	(BF)	Joint Office
Brandon Rodrigues*	(BR)	ESP Utilities
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates Ltd
Kate Mulvany*	(KM)	Centrica
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Louise Hellyer*	(LH)	Total Gas & Power Limited
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Matthew Payne*	(MP)	SGN
Nitin Prajapati	(NP)	Cadent
Richard Johnson	(RJ)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insights
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Stephanie Clements	(SC)	ScottishPower
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

*via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 November 2019.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (27 June 2019)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

2.0 Amended Modification

Louise Hellyer (LH) explained that some minor amendments have been made to the Modification. The specific changes relate to the Timetable; Summary section and the Solution.

Summary:

LH explained a statement has been inserted into the 'What' section:

For the avoidance of doubt must read requirements are at the discretion of the transporter and we do not look to change this in this MOD. It is therefore not anticipated that this change would increase must reads.

There followed a lengthy discussion as to the circumstances where a Transporter might try to obtain a read or not.

Tracey Saunders (TS) commented that, some rationale needs to be applied from a cost point of view, that is, the Transporter needs to assess the cost of obtaining the read compared to the UIG cost.

It was suggested that, if this Modification was implemented and there was a SMART meter, it would seem unreasonable to send out a transporter to get a meter read, regardless of the fact the SMART meter might not be submitting.

The possibility of maybe having an AMR filter, to partition the unread population was discussed, the Modification currently does not suggest that any filtering is applied.

New Action 0701: Xoserve to consider the ability to partition the unread population by AMR/AQ and by how much granularity. (Is there only one filter; what is the logic applied to the reports.)

AC confirmed the current process is, anything that is labelled Monthly, is read. Annual Meters are not read.

Solution:

A statement has been added:

There are reports generated by Xoserve for the Transporters on what sites need must reads, these will need to be reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the individual requirements of each Transporter.

AC confirmed, once the Modification no longer requires updates, the drafting of the Legal Text would commence. The Modification needs to stabilise before the Legal Text can be drafted.

It was agreed that in the Solution, part b), the words, 'with immediate effect', should be added.

UNC G 1.6.15 was discussed as to whether the rules around this paragraph apply to the Modification and the Workgroup considered if, under this solution, whether a rule needs to be applied that says AQ crosses the threshold 'x' number of times.

Workgroup agreed that Business Rule a) should be amended with the inclusion of the words, 'with immediate effect.'

SM said that if the AQ drop below 293,000 then Business Rule a) no longer applies and a re-classification should occur. RP commented that this is consistent with how Xoserve applies the AQ rule in terms of correction factors. For the purpose of this Proposal, it is at the Shipper's discretion, if the AQ drops below the threshold to reclassify the meter point themselves.

LH will reconsider the Business Rules when the AQ threshold drops.

SM advised Workgroup that he is considering raising an Alternative to this Modification to address auto-classification where the threshold drops below the threshold.

Further discussions regarding the usage of a DCC flag to identify Smart meters are required and will be considered at the next meeting.

LH will make the amendments to the Modification based on today's discussions.

3.0 Consideration of Business Rules

The Business Rules were reviewed as part of the Amended Modification discussions in agenda item 2.0.

4.0 Review of Impacts and Costs

ER explained that a Change Proposal has been raised and, provisionally, this is in scope for June 2020 Release, however, with the Modification still undergoing amendments this may change. The Modification needs to stabilise before the Change Proposal can be finalised.

The Proposal is on the agenda for the next DSC Change Management Committee meeting and has been provisionally approved by Change Managers.

5.0 Review of outstanding actions

Action 0501a: Xoserve (DA/FC) to provide a further breakdown of the types of AMR and Smart Meters (e.g.SMETS1 and SMETS2).

Update: The update was provided post the last meeting. **Closed**

SMP Count	AMR Indicator	Meter Mechanism	Installing Supplier = to Registered Supplier
205,201	Y	N/A	N/A
544,333		S2	N/A
4,964,704		S1	Y
12,482		NS	Y
1,426,453		S1	N
770,925		NS	N

Action 0501b: Meter read performance for the different categories – AQ greater than or equal to 293,000, Smart Meters and AMR Equipment.

Update: The update was provided post the last meeting. **Closed**

Read Performance:

	% SMPs with no accepted read over 1 month	% SMPs with no accepted read over 3 months
Smart Equipment	23.51%	13.08%
AQ > 293,000kWh	14.44%	8.03%

**Figures from June 2019*

6.0 Next Steps

LH will make the amendments to the Modification based on today's discussions.

7.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

8.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30, Thursday 22 August 2019	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Distribution Workgroup standard Agenda

Action Table (as at 25 July 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0501a	22/05/19	2.1	Xoserve (DA/FC) to provide: A further breakdown of the types of AMR and Smart Meters (eg SMETS1 and SMETS2).	Xoserve (DA/FC)	Closed
0501b	22/05/19	2.1	Xoserve (DA/FC) to provide: Meter read performance for the different categories – AQ greater than or equal to 293,000, Smart Meters and AMR Equipment.	Xoserve (DA/FC)	Closed
0701			Xoserve to consider the ability to partition the unread population by AMR/AQ and by how much granularity. (Is there only one filter; what is the logic applied to the reports.)	Xoserve (ER)	Pending