

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 22 June 2017
at Elexon 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(ACI)	Cadent
Andy Smith*	(AS)	British Gas
Angela Love	(AL)	ScottishPower
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Carl Whitehouse*	(CW)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON Energy
Dan Simons	(DS)	Gemserv
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Reilly	(DR)	Ofgem
Deborah Brace*	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye
Gavin Anderson*	(GA)	EDF Energy
Gethyn Howard*	(GH)	Uniper
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Nicky Rozier	(NR)	BUUK Infrastructure
Rachel Bird	(RB)	Gemserv
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	ESP
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steve Ladle	(SL)	Gemserv
Tahera Choudhury	(TC)	Xoserve
Tom Andrews*	(TA)	Cornwall Energy

* via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (25 May 2017)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Modification(s) with Ofgem

It was noted that there are no Distribution related modifications currently with Ofgem awaiting a decision.

1.3. Pre-Modification discussion

1.3.1. None

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0570 – Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum

(Report to Panel 20 July 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0570>

2.2. 0593 / iGT095 – Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries

(Report to Panel 20 July 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0593>

2.3. 0594R - Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering

(Report to Panel 20 July 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0594>

2.4. 0615S – Representation on DSC Committees: amendment to include mid-year appointments

(Report to Panel on 20 July 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0615>

2.5. 0619 – Application of proportionate ratchet charges to daily read sites

(Report to Panel on 17 August 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0619>

2.6. 0622 – Correct allocation of Shrinkage Error as identified by the AUGE

(Report to Panel 17 August 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0622>

3. Project Nexus Requirements

3.1. RAASP

There were no further updates on this section.

4. Issues

4.1. New Issues

4.1.1. Additional sites with an AQ of 1KWh -

JW advised that there were additional sites being reported that due to meter reading issues were being allocated negative consumption which breaches the rules. Such sites are then being allocated an AQ of 1 kWh.

DA advised he was aware of the issue and that there were around 58,000 in addition to the usual 70,000 sites in this category.

The Workgroup agreed that an issue should be raised with a high priority and that discussion should be deferred to the next meeting.

New Issue: ISS0068 - Additional sites with an AQ of 1KWh
Priority – High.

5. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action DX0501: Cadent (CW) to discuss the RAASP Delivery Statement at the June UNCC meeting.

Update: CW said this action could now be closed as this had been addressed in the June UNCC meeting. **Closed**

Action DX0502: Xoserve (RHi) to confirm all DNO contact details have been confirmed regarding ad hoc seasonal service provision.

Update: RHi said that she was just waiting confirmation from Scotia Gas Networks and then these would be published, and so the action could now be closed. **Closed**

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Unidentified Gas Levels/processes post-Nexus

FC provided a presentation entitled: 'Overview of Unidentified Gas Issues' and she talked through the objectives in relation to the Unidentified Gas (UIG), including the summary of discussions held at the Project Nexus Incident Review Group (IRG) in June. She then high-lighted the summary of issues that had been experienced and these were as below:

- To date (15/06) nine Gas Days have closed out post-Nexus
- Shippers report the following concerns:
 - UIG proportion of Nominations changing noticeably between first and last run on Nominations
 - Noticeable difference in UIG between last run on Nominations and first run of Allocations
 - UIG proportion of Allocations changing noticeably between first and last run on Allocations (D+1 to D+5)
 - UIG as an unexpectedly large positive or negative proportion of LDZ total for some days/LDZs
- Known issues include a large number of DMs being allocated on estimates – due to site set-up inaccuracies.

FC then overviewed the process and results for Gas Allocation Pre Nexus and Post Nexus, which were itemised on separate schematics which showed the negative UIG in each scenario and also included the known causes of UIG in Allocations. She talked through the schematic for the National/LDZ UIG – 03 to 09 June 2017 example of Allocated UIG by Gas Day for 13 LDZ's, together with the D+5 UIG v Weather schematic. GE said that he felt the graphs did not drill down deep enough to show the LDZ's with negative errors.

FC then overviewed the results of the simulations of UIG and explained these were estimates only. A general discussion took place surrounding the D-7 and the consumption levels and FC said if anyone had an issue, then they should raise a 'ticket' in the normal manner to Xoserve.

FC then provided the summary of the observations which were itemised below:

- Key objective of Nexus regime was to make UIG more visible and raise the priority
- Nexus regime went live in early summer – simulation suggested UIG more likely to be negative

- Most UIG components are resolved by meter point reconciliation and other BAU processes
- Still a very limited track record of UIG
- Xoserve monitoring UIG levels daily, resolving input data issues within D+5
- Ongoing use of estimates for many DM sites is a major cause of uncertainty – affects c 20% of the market in AQ terms

FC then provided the summary of the discussions at the Incident Review Group (IRG) and she drew attention to the main areas of interest regarding the various discussions and she itemised the next steps that had been agreed from IRG. These were as below:

- Update at Distribution Workgroup, as per agenda item
- Xoserve actions:
 - Xoserve investigating Shipper reports of DM D-7 estimates returning zeros
 - Xoserve reviewing list of DM sites not able to load actuals to identify patterns/Shipper-specific hotspots
 - Xoserve to continue to monitor daily UIG figures pre-close-out and investigate/resolve anomalies
 - Xoserve to review level of UIG within Nominations process and track trends if possible
- Shippers to raise tickets where they believe that D-7 estimation is not working as intended
 - If last actual read gave zero consumption this would roll forward as D- 7 until next actual loads – not an error

AL proposed the overall topic of UIG should be discussed with the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) and she said an extraordinary meeting should be scheduled to discuss this issue. JD also agreed that this would be a sensible approach and AL agreed to email the PAC members to arrange a meeting.

New Action DX 0601: ScottishPower (AL) to request the Joint Office to contact all Performance Assurance Committee members to schedule and extraordinary meeting to discuss Unidentified Gas Issues.

Update: **Post Meeting Update* – A Performance Assurance Committee Teleconference has now been arranged for 30 June 2017 to discuss the UIG. So this action has now been closed. **Closed.**

6.2 Additional Distribution Workgroup Meeting Request

HC proposed that perhaps one meeting a month was insufficient and that an additional meeting would be helpful. BF explained that the Joint Office were not in a position to schedule any additional meetings at this time and he did also say that some modifications had been moved from this meeting, to allow additional discussion time and that 3 meetings were scheduled for Distribution related modifications during July.

6.3 NDAM Accuracy Report

**Post Meeting Update* - National Grid NTS are aware that the NDMA Accuracy Report has not been produced and this is being investigated with Xoserve. An update will be provided at next month's meeting.

7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Distribution Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 27 July 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standard Agenda items</i> • <i>ISS0068</i> • <i>Review of Unidentified Gas Issues</i> • <i>NDAMA Accuracy Report</i>

Action Table (22 June 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DX501	25/05/17	5.	Cadent (CW) to discuss the RAASP Delivery Statement at the June UNCC meeting.	Cadent (CW)	Closed
DX502	25/05/17	5.	Xoserve (RH) to confirm all DNO contact details have been confirmed regarding ad hoc seasonal service provision.	Xoserve (RH)	Closed
DX0601	22/06/17	6.1	<p>ScottishPower (AL) to request the Joint Office to contact all Performance Assurance Committee members to schedule and extraordinary meeting to discuss Unidentified Gas Issues.</p> <p>*Post Meeting Update – A Performance Assurance Committee Teleconference has now been arranged for 30 June 2017 to discuss the UIG. So this action has now been closed.</p>	ScottishPower (AL)	Closed