

Development Work Group 0224 Minutes
Tuesday 06 January 2009
Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	BF	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	HC	Joint Office
Alan Raper	AR	National Grid Distribution
Andy Marsh	AM	EDF Energy
Andy Miller	AM	xoserve
Chris Warner	CW	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	DA	xoserve
Erika Melén	EM	ENA
Fiona Cottam	FC	xoserve
Gareth Evans	GE	Waterswye
Joel Martin	JM	Scotia Gas Networks
Jon Dixon	JD	Ofgem
Martin Brandt	MB	SSE
Mitch Donnelly	MD	British Gas
Phil Broom	PB	Gaz de France
Richard Hall	RH	Ofgem
Richard Street	RS	Corona Energy
Rosie McGlynn	RM	EDF Energy
Shelley Rouse	SR	Statoil
Simon Trivella	ST	Wales & West Utilities
Tony Pierson	TP	Northern Gas Networks

Apologies

Bali Dohel	BD	Scotia Gas Networks
Jemma Woolston	JW	Shell Gas Direct
Mark Jones	MJ	SSE
Simon Howe	SH	RWE npower
Stefan Leedham	SL	EDF Energy

1. Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.1 Review of Actions from previous meeting

DG 0224 007: Draft a revised Proposal.

Action Update: Revised proposal published. **Complete**

Action DG0224 009: Business rules to be reconsidered and redrafted where necessary.

Action Update: Revised proposal published. **Complete**

Action DG0224 010: PB to investigate the failure rate and whether there ought to be an initial soft landing.

Action Update: Revised proposal published. **Complete**

Action DG0224 011: All to provide xoserve with responses to the BRD for Change order COR1133 by 17:00, 05 December 2008.

Action Update: DA confirmed responses received. **Complete**

Action DG0224 012: Respective Members DWG0224 to request DESC members to report why DME supply points are not suitable for use for sampling purposes.

Action Update: BF confirmed that EDF Energy have provided a response. MD confirmed that there appeared to be a misunderstanding from DESC with regards to consumption behaviours of DME supply points. FC explained the sampling process and the importance of making sure it is a representative sample. DESC's concern was that DME supply points would have a different consumption pattern which might be price or supply driven. PB stated that consumption patterns would not change significantly when supply points became DME. A discussion evolved about the eligibility of Elective DM sites for sampling. CW highlighted the different equipment required, ST acknowledged a required change to UNC. CW explained the requirement for a pulsed output for sampling purposes; RS explained the AMR Code of practise and the need to replicate pulsed outputs. AR confirmed that obligations may need to be included within the UNC, to ensure existing sampling equipment stays in situ. PB acknowledged the concerns expressed and confirmed that the proposal will be amended for DME sites to be available for sampling. He believed DESC will need to decide if this is limited to the existing sites or whether to extend this for new sites. It was suggested that a presentation is made at the next DESC meeting. **Complete**

New Action DG0224 014: xoserve to raise an agenda item at the next DESC meeting and provide a presentation to DESC on DME supply point sampling.

Action DG0224 013: Strawman proposal to be developed by Shippers and Transporters and bring to the next meeting for further discussion.

Action Update: PB confirmed that a strawman has yet to be developed. **Carried Forward**

2. Consideration of Review Group Report

PB explained the changes to the Business Requirements Document and that this has now been included within the proposal. ST questioned the [£2] figure. PB confirmed that this figure will be the incentive charge at £2 per day.

AM questioned the wording around the incentive regime and the performance standards. Clarification was provided on how the charges would be calculated, if the 90% read provision standard was not achieved. CW asked if application of the performance regime mirrored the DM regime in Code.

DA confirmed section 5.2 needs to be checked to ensure that this is the same as the DM regime.

User Pays was discussed. PB reminded the group that Ofgem had requested Shippers to indicate the likely take up of the regime. As this is confidential information it was agreed that this needs to be provided to Ofgem. It was agreed that this could be provided as a confidential response within the representation stage and Ofgem could provide a response in aggregate.

JD asked if the group could indicate the "tipping point" on whether the proposal would be beneficial for example at 25% take up or 50% take up.

The 25,000 cap was also discussed and whether Shippers would use this limit on a first come first serve basis.

DA confirmed that the estimate of costs is likely to be available March. PB asked if an indication could be provided earlier. PB was keen not to delay consultation; however AR was keen to include financial analysis within the consultation.

ST confirmed that Scotia Gas Networks are considering the Legal Text.

DA confirmed that xoserve have identified a number of complexities with site transfers for the Business Requirements Document.

ST raised an item on section 9 Ratchets and whether consideration ought to be given to simplifying the rules applying to ratchet charges, he suggested the use of target dates instead of supply point anniversary dates. RS asked if there were any significant system costs related to anniversary dates. ST believed target dates would be less costly. RS wished to understand the potential difference in costs. ST confirmed that this would have to be considered but was mindful of the work xoserve are already undertaking.

Action 015: Modification Proposal and Development Group Report to be amended to reflect required comments and changes discussed in the meeting.

3. Diary Planning for Development Work Group

Thursday 29 January 2009, 11:00 31 Homer Road, Solihull (Distribution Workstream).

4. AOB

None.

ACTION LOG – Development Work Group 0224

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DG0224 007	09/10/08	4	Draft a revised Proposal	GDF (PB)	Complete
DG0224 009	27/11/08	2.0	Business rules to be reconsidered and redrafted where necessary.		Complete
DG0224 010	27/11/08	2.0	PB to investigate the failure rate and whether there ought to be a soft landing initially.		Complete
DG0224 011	27/11/08	2.0	All to provide xoserve with responses to the Business Requirements Document for Change order COR1133 by 17:00, 05 December 2008.		Complete
DG0224 012	27/11/08	2.0	Respective Members of this group to request DESC members to report why DME supply points are not suitable for use for sampling purposes		Complete
DG0224 013	27/11/08	2.0	Strawman proposal to be developed by Shippers and Transporters and bring to the next meeting for further discussion.		Carried Forward
DG0224 014	06/01/09	1.1	xoserve to raise an agenda item at the next DESC meeting and provide a presentation to DESC on DME supply point sampling.	xoserve (FC)	Pending
DG0224 015	06/01/09	2.0	Modification Proposal and Development Group Report to be amended to reflect required comments and changes discussed in the meeting.	GDF (PB)	Pending