

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 25 July 2019

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

Attendees

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| 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 |
| Fiona Cottam | (FC) | Xoserve (0699 only) |
| Gareth Evans* | (GE) | Waters Wye Associates Ltd |
| Joanna Palmer | (JP) | Northern Gas Networks (0694R only) |
| Jonathon Trapps* | (JT) | Northern Gas Networks (0687 only) |
| 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 |
| Robin Goldring | (RG) | Northern Gas Networks (0694R only) |
| Steve Britton* | (SB) | Cornwall Insights |
| Steve Mulinganie | (SM) | Gazprom |
| Stephanie Clements | (SC) | ScottishPower |
| Tracey Saunders | (TS) | Northern Gas Networks |

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dist/250719

1. Introduction and Status Review

Alan Raper (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (27 June 2019)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Modifications with Ofgem

None

1.3. Pre-Modification discussions

No pre-Modifications to discuss.

2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1. 0687 - Clarification of Supplier of Last Resort Cost Recovery Process

(Report to Panel 19 September 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0687>

2.2. 0692S - Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency

(Report to Panel 21 November 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0692>

2.3. 0694R - CDSP provision of Class 1 Read service

(Report to Panel 19 December 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0694>

2.4. 0695S - Obligations on Shippers to pass Transporter compensation payments on to consumers, via Suppliers

(Report to Panel 19 September 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0695>

2.5. 0696 - Addressing inequities between Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs

(Report to Panel 15 August 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0696>

2.6. 0699 - Incentivise Key Areas of Performance using additional UIG Charges

(Report to Panel 16 January 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0699>

3. Issues

3.1. New Issues

No new issues were raised.

4. Review of Outstanding Actions

No outstanding actions.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. CSS Consequential Changes – Detailed Design Report

Ellie Rogers (ER) highlighted to the Workgroup the Detailed Design Report for CSS Consequential Changes which went to Panel in July. The report highlighted that the UNC Legal Text from the 0630R Review Group as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme is currently out for industry consultation until 9th September. This report seeks to highlight any inconsistency within the detailed design Workgroup compared to the Legal Text. The purpose of the report is to mitigate the risk of divergence between the system design and the Legal Text. Panel recommended it goes to Distribution Workgroup as an ongoing agenda item to discuss when required. It was highlighted that Shippers are requested to take note of the 3 'matters' following detailed design workgroups. Shippers are being asked if they agree with their DSG representatives view and if yes, feed this into the consultation. If they do not agree, they are asked to contact Xoserve and Dave Addison to discuss.

The 3 matters are as follows:

1. Associated Rules in UNC allowed multiple Shipper/Supplier/Supply Meter Point Base Registration Nominations(BRN) to be Operative at any one point in time.
 - Currently Confirmations requests contain a mix of registration and settlement details. Post CSS registration details will be from CSS and settlement within the BRN.

- Complex rules have been set out within the UNC to allow for multiple BRNs to happen at any one point. This is to accommodate for next day switching.
 - DSG highlighted their concern with the complexity of this and that this feature would not be utilised. Instead they recommended that system design matches the BRN for 3 data items only (MPRN, Supplier and Shipper). It looks to remove the validation on Effective Date a CSS Reference and therefore only have one BRN in flight at any one time.
2. Simplify rule for Class 4 Opening Meter Reads
- It has been proposed that the existing baselined rule that a Class 4 Opening Meter Reading can only be obtained for a Read Date within the Incoming Shipper's ownership i.e. from D onwards, rather than maintaining the window opening at D-5 as currently.
 - This was requested to reduce the design complexity and create consistency with rules.
 - DSG have given the view that they are comfortable with this.
3. Gas Nomination process
- It needs to be considered that the current Gemini Nomination deadline is 13:00 on GFD-1. However, in instances where the Supply Points are transferring there will not be secured until 17:00 GFD-1 so this information will be available to Gemini (and consequently Users) will be after this.
 - This needs to be considered that the Gemini Nomination deadline could be extended, and this has not been defined within the existing UNC drafting.

It was agreed that an action would be placed on Shippers to review the matters in detail and provide any views in the consultation or directly to Dave Addison.

It was questioned if any of the above matters require a change to UNC, if a modification would be required. It was highlighted that Ofgem can make the required changes following the consultation period and a modification would not be required. A modification would only be necessary if the code went live and then had to be changed.

RP suggested that it would be useful, when raising Modifications going forward, that Proposers could indicate if the Legal Text required would impact CSS or not,

It was agreed that this item would be discussed again in more detail at the next DWG.

New Action 0701: All Workgroup participants to familiarize themselves with the CSS Detailed Design Report ahead of the next DWG meeting. [CSS Consequential Changes – Detailed Design Report to July Modification Panel](#)

6. 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 |
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| 0701 | 25/07/19 | 5.1 | All Workgroup participants to familiarize themselves with the CSS Detailed Design Report ahead of the next DWG meeting. CSS Consequential Changes – Detailed Design Report to July Modification Panel | All | Pending |