

**UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes**  
**Tuesday 17 December 2019**  
**at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

<b>Attendees</b>		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Loraine O'Shaughnessy*	(LO)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse*	(CW)	Shell Energy Retail Limited
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ed Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Oorlagh Chapman*	(OC)	British Gas
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Stephanie Clements*	(SC)	Scottish Power
Steve Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insights
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom Energy
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks
*via teleconference		

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**1. Introduction and Status Review**

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

**1.1. Approval of Minutes (28 November 2019)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2. Review Outstanding Actions**

**New Action 1101:** *DWG action 1001 Transporters to set out their processes for the treatment of service cut-offs* - All participants to review the process and bring any comments back to the December meeting.

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**New Action 1102:** *NGIS Reports* - DNs to investigate internally and report back to Workgroup.

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**New Action 1103:** *Modification 0665 appeals* - Transporters to circulate a contact (the nominated panel rep) as to who should receive an official dispute. This will then be circulated via Xoserve.

**Update:** This was clarified as being the Panel member. **Closed**

**1.3. Modifications with Ofgem**

SM raised the concern over the amount of time Modification 0687 – Creation of new charge to recover Last Resort Supply Payments has been with Ofgem and stated he was unsure why this could not be moved forward as it reflects a Modification implemented in Electricity.

## 1.4. Pre-Modification discussions

### 1.4.1. PCW/TPI request for access to Non-Domestic Data

DA introduced the slides provided for the meeting and explained the following:

#### **Background:**

The Competitions and Market Authority (CMA) order was issued to Xoserve for the provision of required information to Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries (PCW/TPI) to facilitate faster and more reliable switching.

Modification 0593V *Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries* was implemented to facilitate this from a UNC perspective.

Supply Point Switching Application Programming Interface (API) is a commercial service hosted by the CDSP and made available to PCW/TPI.

#### **Request for non-domestic data:**

DA advised that a number of business-to-business PCW/TPIs have requested access to non-domestic data in the same manner, (as an API).

Electricity have opened up access to non-domestic data via API that PCW/TPIs have started to interrogate into their processes and systems.

No comments or concerns were received from the DSC Contract Management Committee when this was presented to them.

DA will now look to seek a sponsor for this Modification to be raised.

## 2. Workgroups

AR confirmed the status of each of the Workgroups that would be taking place and provided the following information:

### **Workgroups to be deferred to the next meeting in January 2020:**

#### **2.1 0697S – Alignment of the UNC TPD Section V5 and the Data Permissions Matrix**

(Report to Panel 19 March 2020)

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0697](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0697)

**Deferred to January 2020 meeting**

#### **2.2 0704S - Review of Transporter Theft of Gas Reporting**

(Report to Panel 16 April 2020)

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0704](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0704)

**Deferred to January 2020 meeting**

#### **2.3 0710 CDSP provision of Class 1 read service**

(Report to Panel 20 April 2020)

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0710](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0710)

**Deferred to January 2020 meeting**

#### **2.4 0699 - Incentivise Key Areas of Performance using additional UIG Charges**

(Report to Panel 16 January 2019)

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0699](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0699)

**New Action 1201:** Joint Office to ascertain how the 0699 and the alternative to 0699 Modifications are going to progress.

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

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

(Report to Panel 20 February 2020)

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0696](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0696)

- 2.6 0701 – Aligning Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in the relevant NExAs**  
(Report to Panel 20 February 2020)  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0701](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0701)
- 2.7 0702S – Introducing ‘Research Body’ as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix and UNC TPD Section V5**  
(Report to Panel 16 January 2020)  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702)
- 2.8 0707S - Introducing ‘Performance Assurance Framework Administrator’ as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix**  
(Report to Panel 20 February 2020)  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0707](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0707)
- 2.9 0711 Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands**  
(Report to Panel 20 February 2020)  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0711](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0711)

### 3. CSS Consequential Changes – Detailed Design Report

DA provided an update to the Workgroup and explained the Detailed Design Report will be presented to the December UNC Panel meeting and that a minor matter has been highlighted to DA which may require an amendment to the December UNC Panel paper, or an update and be made to the next paper that will be produced for the January 2020 UNC Panel.

The matter concerned can be seen in the marked up G1.16 change marked version. DA explained that if there is a Change of Tenancy (COT) flag within the period the data is being asked to provide, Xoserve are only permitted to provide data back to the COT date in the meter reading history. Under CSS the COT flag will no longer be received, therefore, Xoserve cannot meet that obligation and instead would provide the full 12 months data.

When asked, DA went on to explain that Xoserve use the COT flag for the Objection process to ascertain the determination of the objection period and that the Objection process is solely run through CSS and not UNC.

Workgroup considered the GDPR impact in that Xoserve could be providing information against a customer that Xoserve should not be providing and suggested that Xoserve need to request the COT Flag to be provided from the Central Switching System or look at other ways of obtaining the data item.

### 4. Modification 0700 (Urgent) Enabling large scale utilisation of Class 3 progress update

DA updated the Workgroup and advised that Xoserve are currently projecting 3 million by the end of December for the migration of meter points to Class 3.

### 5. Issues

#### 5.1. UNC Section G1.6.14 - AQ calculation for New Supply Meter Points

DA introduced the slides provided for the meeting and explained:

##### **Background:**

For New Supply Meter Points, the UK Link system requires a minimum of 9 months (274 days) of Metered Quantity (consumption) history before a revised AQ value is calculated. In showing the calculations that are considered for the AQ calculation for New Supply Meter Points recorded in G1.6.

The AQ calculation for Class 3 or 4 meter points does not referring to section 1.6.9(b), therefore the AQ value is currently not being Weather Adjusted between 9 months (274 days) and 365 days for a New Supply Meter Point.

After 365 days the formula in Section H3.2.1 is being used.

DA confirmed that UKLink is aligned to the Uniform Network Code and confirmed there is also that there is no profiling for Class 1 & Class 2: in the circumstances described the revised AQ for New Supply Meter Points are not profiled .

**Analysis:**

DA explained that by September 2019 there was just over 14,000 New Supply Meter Points since June 2017 (Project Nexus Implementation Date), of those recalculated all of them were Class 4 Smaller Supply Points and included the 2018 winter period.

It was found that in all cases when the calculation was done using the daily ALP, DAF and WCF (WAALP) the calculated AQ value was slightly lower.

By sampling it was calculated that Shippers AQs would be reduced by 11%.

**Options:**

RP sought clarification that New Supply Meter Points for Class 3 and 4 calculates according to the UNC and this was confirmed.

Having set out the options for consideration, Workgroup agreed that the appropriate solution would be to modify UNC. DA agreed to take an action to assess the material effort to correct the formula for Class 3 and 4 New Supply Meter Points.

**New Action 1202:** Xoserve (DA) to assess the material effort to correct the formula for Class 3 and 4 New Supply Meter Points

**6. Any Other Business**

TS advised Workgroup that the Large Loads Demand Forecasting have been communicated.

**7. 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 23 January 2020	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Distribution Workgroup standard Agenda

**Action Table (as at 17 December 2019)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	28/11/19	6.1	DWG action 1001Transporters to set out their processes for the treatment of service cut-offs - All participants to review the process and bring any comments back to the December	All	Carried Forward
1102	28/11/19	6.3	NGIS Reports - DNs to investigate internally and report back to Workgroup	DNs	Carried Forward

<b>1103</b>	28/11/19	6.5	<i>Modification 0665 appeals</i> - Transporters to circulate a contact (the nominated panel rep) as to who should receive an official dispute. This will then be circulated via Xoserve.	Transporters	<b>Closed</b>
<b>1201</b>	19/12/19	2.4	Joint Office to ascertain how the 0699 and alternative to 0699 Modifications are going to progress	Joint Office (AR)	<b>Pending</b>
<b>1202</b>	19/12/19	5.1	Xoserve (DA) to assess the material effort to correct the formula for Class 3 and 4 New Supply Meter Points	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Pending</b>