

UNC Workgroup 0647 Minutes

Opening Class 1 reads to Competition (including IGT Modification 119 – Opening Class 1 read services on IGT Meter Supply Points to Competition)

Thursday 28 February 2019

at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(KJ)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann*	(AM)	Gazprom
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Edward Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Ellie Rogers*	(ER)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates Ltd
Kate Mulvany	(KM)	British Gas
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shanna Key*	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
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 20 June 2019.

1. Introduction and Status Review

Bob Fletcher (BF) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (24 January 2019)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. Review of Amended Modification

Richard Pomroy (RP) explained that some minor changes have made to the summary and solution sections of the Modification. The specific changes relate to:

- Clarification in the 'Why' section in the summary
- Addition of a paragraph on the 'How' section on Transporter liability for failure which is uncapped.
- Summary table of changes in the solution section – TPD M 5.6 shipper obligation in relation in relation to the submission of reads.

RP explained that the current Transporter liability regime has not been replicated in the Modification. A discussion took place on the timing of the submission of meter reads to Xoserve and whether this should be 1pm or 3pm. Dave Addison (DA) provided feedback from DSC Delivery Sub-Group indicating that anecdotally, some Shippers were comfortable with providing meter reads by 1pm. He also indicated that there was a small concern in relation to the impact of Modification 0665 - Changes to Ratchet Regime which may result in more processing because there will be more Class 2 sites, so an earlier deadline of 1pm would be helpful. In response, Gareth Evans (GE) asked how many sites there were in Class 2 as the preference would be maintain the 3pm deadline. DA indicated that currently the volume was manageable and the volume of daily read files being submitted and processed takes a few minutes.

3. Review of Business Rules

Discussion on this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Review of Impacts and Costs

Discussion on this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Consideration of Legal Text

Discussion on this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Development of Workgroup Report

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting

7. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0101: Wales & West Utilities (RP) to explore options for reducing transition costs and/or complexity with Xoserve and provide an update at the next meeting.

Update: RP confirmed that this is still under consideration so this action was carried forward.
Carried Forward

New Action 0102: DNOs to provide details of DM service contracts and confirmation of which contracts could be transferred/novated to Shippers.

Update: RP confirmed that he had held discussions with a DMSP and that they are still considering their position in relation to the transfer or novation of contracts to Shippers for Cadent, NGN and WWU, noting that SGN do not use the same service provider. Further discussions have been scheduled. He questioned whether Shippers want the option of installing their own equipment, as using in situ would remove the need for the transition period and also significantly reduce the overall costs for implementation. He suggested that more information would be available at the next meeting on costs. RP signalled that he would be seeking a view on the transition issue from DNOs at the next meeting. This action was therefore carried forward. **Carried Forward**

8. Next Steps

BF concluded the Workgroup discussion by confirming the next steps. He explained that an extension had been agreed by the Modification Panel to 20 June 2019 to enable the Business Rules to be fully considered. The key outstanding issue to be addressed by the Workgroup is around transition and the related costs. In addition, to this the different ownership/operating models adds a layer of complexity when considering a seamless service to Shippers so a view on novation/contract transfer from Transporters on the best way forward is required.

The next meeting would consider a revised Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) from Xoserve including revised costs based on no transition period. This will enable the Proposer to take a view once implementation costs are known by the number of sites.

Chris Warner (CW) reiterated the need to have transparency on the costs as the initial costs provided by Xoserve were very high.

Kirsty Dudley (KD) asked how these issues are being addressed with the IGT equivalent Modification. In response, RP stated that are IGTs are intending to align with the UNC. In addition, to this BF reported that he had held discussions with Steve Ladle who would wish to have initial recommendations with IGTs before having discussions as part of a joint Workgroup.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30, Thursday 28 March 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Amended Modification (if appropriate) • Review of the Business Rules • Review of Impacts and Costs • Development of Workgroup Report.

Action Table (as at 28 February 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0101	24/01/19	4.0	Wales & West Utilities (RP) to explore options for reducing transition costs and/or complexity with Xoserve and provide an update at the next meeting.	WWU (RP)	Carried Forward
0102	24/01/19	4.0	DNOs to provide details of DM service contracts and confirmation of which contracts could be transferred/novated to Shippers.	DNOs	Carried Forward