

## UNC Workgroup 0702S Agenda

### Introducing 'Research Body' as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix and UNC TPD Section V5

Thursday 26 September 2019

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

#### Attendees

Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Lorraine O'Shaughnessy	(LO)	Joint Office
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes	(MBJ)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann	(AM)	Gazprom Energy
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Brandon Rodrigues*	(BR)	ESP Utilities
Carl Whitehouse*	(CW)	First Utility
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Darren Lond*	(DL)	National Grid
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Gurvinder Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Louise Hellyar*	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Oorlagh Chapman*	(OR)	British Gas
Paul Youngman*	(PY)	Drax
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sally Hardman*	(SH)	SGN
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insights
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

\*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702/260919](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702/260919)

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 January 2020.

#### 1.0 Outline of Modification

It was explained that this Modification was originally part of Modification 0697 but it was decided at UNC Panel that this part should be considered on its own and not as part of Modification 0697.

Ellie Rogers (ER) provided a walkthrough of the Modification giving an explanation of how giving data access to a "Research Body" would work, adding that access to the data could be time limited. She also stated that there would be a need to establish the criteria for the defining a Research Body in the UNC.

Kirsty Dudley (KD) asked whether a party could creatively construct themselves as a Research Body to gain access. When asked, ER clarified that a Research Body would be somebody that is trying to innovate e.g. a university, and that the DSC Contract Management Committee should be the ones that determine if a specific applicant is bona fide Research Body once the board UNC definition is agreed. Workgroup participants agreed with the principle but confirmed that specific auditing and ringfencing processes need to be put in place.

A time limitation and quantity of data limit would be put in place which would provide the clarity of why the request is justified as to why they want it, DSC Contract Management Committee would need to have the ability to refuse requests.

ER confirmed that parties would have to make requests using a specific template setting out their requirements and proposals.

TS stated that she thought DSC should be able to apply limits for either the length of time the data would be provided or for data relating to specific period. Some attendees thought it should be both.

ER agreed to create a draft Terms of Reference to the next meeting detailing a process the DSC Contract Management Committee could adopt for reviewing applicants.

**New Action 0901:** Xoserve (ER) to create a draft Terms of Reference for the next meeting which will detail what could be included in the process the DSC Contract Management Committee would use for assessing applicants.

Concerns were raised as to who would be classed as a Research Body with Workgroup agreeing that identity of the Research Body and the purpose of the released data should be assessed at an applicant level.

Steve Britton (SB) commented that he recognised the concerns made, and provided detailed some of the type of work that he occasionally does for certain bodies such as Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), and expressed that he would appreciate the opportunity to make his case for access to data, as and when the occasion arises.

## 2.0 Initial Discussion

### 2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

Workgroup to consider how to make the definition of Research Body specific while being effective and seek input from Ofgem while doing so.

AR confirmed that this would be addressed at the next Workgroup meeting in October 2019.

### 2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

### 2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel a specific Terms of Reference has been published alongside the Modification at [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702/](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702/).

## 3.0 Next Steps

AR confirmed the next steps for this Workgroup:

- ER to provide an end to end view of what the governance process would be to Workgroup at the next meeting.

## 4.0 Any Other Business

None.

## 5.0 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 24 October 2019	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW	Workgroup standard Agenda

### Action Table (as at 26 September 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0901	26/09/19	1.0	Xoserve (ER) to create a draft Terms of Reference for the next meeting which will detail what could be included in the process the DSC Contract Management Committee would use for assessing applicants.	CDSP (ER)	Pending