

**UNC Workgroup 0801 Minutes**  
**Removal of capacity and balancing services from the role of CDSP**  
**Thursday 05 May 2022**  
**via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees**

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Andrew Blair	(AB)	Interconnector
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	WWU
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Carlos Aguirre	(CG)	Pavilion Energy
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Correla
Hursley Moss	(HM)	Cornwall Insight
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Joseph Glews	(JG)	Ofgem
Joshua Bates	(JB)	National Grid
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lauren Jauss	(LJa)	RWE
Leon Joseph	(LJ)	SGN
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mark Barnes	(MB)	National Grid
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	Northern Gas Networks
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Terry Burke	(TB)	Equinor

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 August 2022.

## 1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting, confirming an updated draft Modification had been provided for consideration at today's meeting.

### 1.1. Approval of minutes (07 April 2022)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Ellie Rogers (ER), wished to add a Post Meeting update against last month's meeting in relation to Funding and cost implications for Gemini Users. ER confirmed that work is being undertaken with Xoserve to understand the impacts for Users, however Xoserve will not be able to provide cost estimates for using a different service provider, only a high-level view if Gemini moves from the CDSP estate.

### **1.2. Approval of Late Papers**

1 late paper approved.

### **1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions**

None to consider.

## **2.0 Amended Modification**

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) confirmed an updated draft Modification had been provided for discussion, to help address some of the points raised, particularly on assurance, by adding additional information to the Modification. The Modification will be formally amended after the Workgroup to incorporate any further feedback.

MM provided an overview of the changes, incorporating material considered at previous Workgroups to provide additional clarity. It was noted that the Modification's timetable would need to be adjusted, when formally submitting the changes.

MM confirmed that there is no intention to change any DSC service areas and these shall continue to exist as they are for CDSP customers.

The Workgroup considered the assurance concerns expressed last month in relation to National Grid removing certain capacity, balancing and invoice services from the CDSP and the Gemini system. MM reassured parties a transitional layer will be put in place that will maintain compatibility with the existing file transfers and API protocols, which will allow users to continue with their existing set up and control when they wish to integrate to a new system.

Ellie Rogers (ER) enquired if Transitional Legal text will be required to account for the requirements. MM confirmed Transitional Text will be provided.

ER enquired about parties being able to use legacy systems and transitional systems in parallel. Mark Barnes (MB) confirmed that could be the case, the legacy system and new system will be offered to provide customer flexibility.

ER was concerned about the impact of having two systems, how this would operate in practise and the ability to provide cost estimates for doing this, if the Modification only manages the removal of the obligation. MB confirmed that National Grid want to provide a soft landing for the change, explaining that the new system will be cheaper to provide and give greater flexibility. MB clarified there will be an aspiration to switch off the old infrastructure when appropriate to do so.

Jeff Chandler (JCh) asked if National Grid could provide an indication of the customer-off date for closing down the old infrastructure. MM wanted to have some flexibility based on customer requirements, based on how many customers continue to use the legacy system. MM suggested a date of withdrawal could be considered in respect of the ability to transfer as an indication of timings.

The Workgroup had no further comments on the assurances sought last month.

## **3.0 Next Steps**

The Workgroup agreed to consider finalising the Workgroup Report at the next meeting following formal amendment of the Modification and provision of Legal Text.

## **4.0 Any Other Business**

None.

## 5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month)

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 09 June 2022 (BH 02 June)	5pm Monday 30 May 2022	Microsoft Teams	Conclusion of Workgroup Report
10:00 Thursday 07 July 2022	5pm Wednesday 29 June 2022	Microsoft Teams	Date on Hold
10:00 Thursday 04 August 2022	5pm Wednesday 27 July 2022	Microsoft Teams	Date on Hold