

UNC Workgroup 0403 Minutes
EU Third Package: 21 day switching with flexible objection period

Thursday 24 November 2011

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

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Alison Jennings	(AJe)	Xoserve
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Brian Durber	(BD)	EON UK
Cesar Coelho	(CC)	Ofgem
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Watson	(DW)	British Gas
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye
George Glen	(GG)	Scottish Power
Karen Kennedy	(KK)	Scottish Power
Linda Whitcroft	(LW)	Xoserve
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Shell
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Tim Davis (Secretary)	(TD)	Joint Office

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1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 Actions

001: Review processes to confirm that Xoserve can turn around objections in one day.

Update: AJe provided timelines for discussion (see below) **Closed**

002: Confirm the position of all parties in relation to the relevant EEC legislation and associated regulations.

Update: CC confirmed the obligations will apply as soon as the UK legislation is in place. Shippers would be obliged to use reasonable efforts to comply from this time, and Ofgem would not expect to take action provided UNC modifications are being pursued – that would be sufficient to demonstrate reasonable endeavours being employed. **Closed**

2.0 Discussion

AJe explained the timeline provided by Xoserve, clarifying for CW how weekends are handled now and, potentially, under Modification 0403. Consideration was then given to Bank Holiday examples and the worst possible case – over the Christmas period.

BF noted that an implementation cost estimate is awaited, which is subject to internal approval within Xoserve. Legal text is similarly in the process of final checks.

AJ asked about the second New Year Bank Holiday and whether that could become an operational day. This would relieve the pressure around the Christmas and New Year period, delivering an additional objection day. Scottish Power felt this would be challenging and inconsistent with their present approach, under which, for example, their call centres (being based in Scotland) are largely closed. AJ indicated that general views on this would be welcome at the next meeting.

Action 003: Consider implications of second New Year Holiday being a standard business day.

3.0 Consider Terms of Reference

No further comments were received on the Terms of Reference.

4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

5.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

The next meeting of the Workgroup will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup, on Monday 05 December 2011, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT.

ACTION LOG – UNC Workgroup 0403

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
001	11/11/11	3.0	Review processes to confirm that Xoserve can turn around objections in one day.	Xoserve (AJe)	Complete
002	11/11/11	3.0	Confirm the position of all parties in relation to the relevant EEC legislation and associated regulations.	Ofgem (CC)	Complete
003	24/11/11	2.0	Consider implications of second New Year Holiday being a standard business day.	All	