
UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 23 February 2012
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Tim Davis (Secretary)	(TD)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross	(ARo)	Northern Gas Networks
Alison Jennings	(AJ)	Xoserve
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson	(AJa)	SSE
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr	(EC)	ScottishPower
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waterswye
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Shell
Marie Clarke	(MC)	Scottish Power
Rob Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tabish Khan	(TK)	Ofgem

* by teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes from the previous meeting(s)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions from previous meeting(s)

See Section 3 Issues for outstanding Issue Action updates.

1.3. Modifications with Ofgem

TK indicated that a number of decisions are likely to be issued shortly. The next stage in the theft process is "close".

2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

- 2.1.** 0379 /0379A - Provision for an AQ Review Audit
(Report to Panel -19 April 2012) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0379

- 2.2. 0404 - Profiling payment of LDZ capacity transportation charges for Small Shipper Organisations
(Report to Panel 15 March 2012) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0404
- 2.3. 0410 - Responsibility for gas off-taken at Unregistered Sites following New Network Connections
(Report to Panel – 21 June 2012) - Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0410
- 2.4. 0414 – Discontinuation of ANS usage for Interruption Communications by Transporters
(Report to Panel – 21 June 2012) - Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0414

3. Issues

3.1. ISS 0018, Handling of Emergency Situations at Priority Customer Sites

Action Update

Dis0101: ISS018 - Transporters to consider changing the emergency contact process to allow direct contact with MAMs to seek authorisation to repair a meter where appropriate.

Update: CW presented a number of issues to consider, and identified a range of barriers to adopting the approach. GE did not think authorisation is the issue as opposed to identifying a meter problem and reporting it directly to the MAM, though he admitted it may not be easy to identify the MAM on site. However, there are ways round this – such as information held on UK Link which may be able to identify the MAM and then ringing the MAM to say a meter has been disconnected for safety reasons. The MAM could then take whatever action is necessary. BD thought this was a pragmatic way to try and speed things up and prevent customers being without gas for longer than is necessary.

CW asked what Shippers would like to happen to take this possibility forward. GE said that the request was simply to contact the MAM directly rather than going to Shippers/Suppliers initially. The aim was to get communication slicker. AR said this could be a bespoke service, which GE was not against, but that the MAM id may not always be known. GE suggested that, for example, the initial job documentation could include the registered MAM id.

To take this forward, GE suggested an offline discussion – recognising that this is not a UNC issue. CW asked for a specification of the required service, and GE and SM agreed that ICOSS would look into this and endeavour to provide a scoping document.

3.2. ISS 0028 - Status of new connections prior to the completion of reinforcement works

DM had no update to offer.

3.3. ISS 0029 - Communication of CO Poisoning Incidents

Action update

Dis0901: Transporters to:

- Provide an end-to-end overview of the Transporters' Incident Procedure

- Clarify Transporters' expectations of what actions/responses Shippers must take/make in response to communications received
 - Consider appropriate testing of the communication process with Shippers
- Update:** CW confirmed that Transporters are in the process of updating the Shipper communication documentation, which will cover the action and be available for the next meeting. **Carried Forward**

3.4. ISS 0031 - Settlement Dispute Process

GE said that a modification is being developed by Corona.

3.5. ISS 0037 - DECC Smart Metering Implementation Plan

It was agreed that this issue should be **closed** and reopened as and when necessary.

3.6 ISS 0038 - Extension of the DMV regime

Action Update

Dis 0102: ISS038 - Gazprom to provide a view on the potential amendment to the DME process to mirror Project Nexus Product 2.

Update: SM confirmed that he had been working on an assumption of 2014 Nexus implementation. However, he now has severe concerns about the life of DMV products given the indication at PNAG of Nexus implementation in 2017, such that an interim solution would apply for substantially longer than anticipated. He is now likely to raise a modification to take this forward.

AR questioned why DME does not provide the required solution. GE reported that he had heard that the 11 o'clock timescale for read confirmation was a key problem, and effectively required 24 hour working. SM said this would be addressed by Nexus Product 2, with a five day timescale for read confirmation, and that early implementation of this within DME may be the way forward – which AR would welcome.

SM anticipates coming to the next meeting with an outline solution, and would welcome input and advice on how to shape this. AJ and AR offered support, and requested that any current issues with DME be highlighted.

3.7 New Issues

None raised.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Distributed Gas Charging Arrangements

AR encouraged attendance at the Workgroup 0391 teleconference planned for 29 February.

5. Diary Planning

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

Thursday 22 March 2012, 10:00, Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

Thursday 26 April 2012, 10:00, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Thursday 24 May 2012, 10:00, Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

Thursday 28 June 2012, 10:00, Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

Thursday 26 July 2012, 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

UNC Distribution Workgroup - Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
Dis0901	07/09/11	4.3.1	ISS 0029 - Transporters to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an end-to-end overview of the Transporters' Incident Procedure • Clarify Transporters' expectations of what actions/responses Shippers must take/make in response to communications received • Consider appropriate testing of the communication process with Shippers. 	ALL DNs	Carried Forward
Dis0101	26/01/12	3.1	ISS018 - Transporters to consider changing the emergency contact process to allow direct contact with MAMs to seek authorisation to repair a meter where appropriate.	Transporters (CW)	Carried Forward
Dis0102	26/01/12	3.6.1	ISS038 - Gazprom to provide a view on the potential amendment to the DME process to mirror Project Nexus Product 2.	Gazprom (SM)	Carried Forward