

UNC Workgroup 0428 Minutes Single Meter Supply Points

**Tuesday 18 December 2012
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT**

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Wallace	(AW)	Ofgem
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Collette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulliganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0428/181212.

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 21 March 2013.

1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

Action 1101: Draw the attention of the Charging Teams and DCMF to consider potential synergies and opportunities to synchronise elements of Modification 0428 and Modification 0418 to minimise implementation impacts on Shipper businesses.

Update: EM confirmed there was no expressed opposition to considering 0418 and 0428 to draw on the similarities. **Complete**

2. Workgroup Report

AR confirmed that text should be available for the January Workgroup meeting. However, he was keen to make a start on the Workgroup Report to document the opinions of the Workgroup. The Workgroup therefore reviewed the Draft Workgroup Report.

The implementation dates were considered, AR was flexible on the implementation timescales. SM was concerned about developing a system that may be mothballed soon

after. GE believed there would be a lot of data cleansing involved with the removal of RbD and implementation of Project Nexus. GE was keen to have a hard cut over and avoid disaggregating prior Project Nexus implementation. AR explained that changes need to be worked on into ensure sites are disaggregated for Project Nexus, to allow for cut over into the Nexus world. However, GE was still keen to avoid duplication, it was better to implement systems at once rather than piecemeal. AR explained the need to have a Nexus compatible data set. The failure of parties to disaggregate and the associated costs were considered. It was agreed to keep the transitional period down to a minimum. The default position was considered and it was concluded that the majority of sites will probably be LSP NDM sites (product 4 under Nexus) and that DM mandatory would be Product 1.

SM was concerned about transition, particularly disaggregating sites before Project Nexus implementation and managing this for 6 months before the new world. It was considered whether this modification would create a risk to Project Nexus implementation.

AR wanted to understand the best way to implement single supply points, however GE was concerned about changing the functionality of multi meter supply points and that this would add complexity and risk to Project Nexus and therefore potentially increase costs. DA explained Project Nexus is taking functionality out and this change should not increase cost. AR believed that building Nexus to cope with multi meter supply points is complex just to allow for a transitional period after. AR explained that single supply meter points was originally considered in Project Nexus, however, it was agreed to deal with the issue separately.

GE believed the costs are being skewed by the Nexus debate and Shippers are not able to obtain the true level of costs. GE was keen to understand the cost of making the change to systems and what savings would be made to understand commercially the benefit of single supply points, irrelevant of Project Nexus.

AR explained that the drive for this modification was to ensure charges were made appropriately. SM was concerned the change was being proposed as a systems solution when the issue is fair – perhaps a different structure should be considered.

SM suggested that he would be raising an alternative modification which supports grandfathering rights for all existing multi-meter supply points, any meter point created before implementation will maintain any aggregation rights. He explained that no new aggregated supply points would be allowed after implementation, but SM was keen to allow customers who are currently aggregated to benefit from continued aggregation even if a meter is added or removed from that aggregation.

AR believed delinking the need to build multi-meter sites would be a cost saving to Project Nexus though there is insufficient granularity to identify specific costs one way or the other. SM did not think there would be any additional cost for scoping aggregations within Project Nexus as funding has been allowed for as is processes.

NA supported the modification principal to have one supply meter point per meter. However, they would wish to understand the costs/savings of implementing or not.

MC wished to understand that if this modification were not implemented how much it would cost for Nexus to be built to manage multi-meter cost.

AW was also keen to understand the complexity of transitional cut over arrangements and the provision of legal text to manage this.

CW believed that the text for Project Nexus Settlement would be much simpler with single supply meter points.

It was agreed that a consideration of the costs would need to be undertaken and a review of the legal text in January. The Workgroup was keen to get a view on transitional arrangements from the Project Nexus Workgroup.

3. Any Other Business

None raised.

4. Diary Planning for Review Group

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

The next meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup on:

Thursday 24 January 2013, at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Thursday 28 February 2013, at 10:15 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	22/11/12	2.0	Draw the attention of the Charging Teams and DCMF to consider potential synergies and opportunities to synchronise elements of Modification 0428 <i>and</i> Modification 0418 to minimise implementation impacts on Shipper businesses.	SGN (EM)	Complete