

User Pays User Group Minutes

Monday 13 January 2014

via teleconference

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
Darren Jackson	(DJ)	Xoserve
Graham Wood	(GW)	Centrica
Lorna Mallon	(LM)	ScottishPower
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve

Meeting documentation can be found at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/up/130114>

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

LJ welcomed participants. As the meeting was not quorate, the proceeding business was addressed informally as a User Pays User Group meeting.

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (13 December 2013) were accepted.

1.2 Actions

No outstanding actions to consider.

2.0 Outcome of EQR Voting

DJ confirmed that the Voting Period for the Evaluation Quotation Reports (EQRs) for Change Orders 007 'iGT Customer Data Preparation Service' and 008 'iGT Customer Data Provision Service' had now ended. One vote had been received and the EQRs had been approved. Xoserve would now continue and develop the respective Business Evaluation Reports (BER's). DJ went on to explain that a BER provides a view on what work is involved in relation to the proposed change(s) including a cost estimate (design/build/ongoing etc.) and any risk margin assessments.

When asked, PO confirmed that the 'original' November estimates for the respective Change Orders remain broadly valid. However, he went on to point out that Change 007 (including potential equipment change impacts) had changed slightly to now read as £400k - £650k (previously £400k - £900k) – this has been communicated to the Uniform Network Code Committee (UNCC).

When asked PO advised that Change Order 007 is related to iGT SMART database testing for which the SMART Focus Group are considering appropriate testing dates – whilst the expectation is for the iGTs IX equipment to be on site in June 2014, when the actual testing will commence remains to be decided, with a possible January 2015 being muted. PO also advised that the bulk of the necessary work involves iGT migration elements with little or no direct impact on Shippers.

During a brief discussion around the various funding considerations, it was acknowledged that all UNC parties could expect to be invoiced regardless of whether or not they have signed up for User Pays (in accordance with Licence Condition A15).

DJ then advised those present that Xoserve engagement with impacted parties (inc. iGTs) is ongoing and involves discussions around equipment installation requirements and timelines amongst other things.

In closing, DJ indicated that whilst Xoserve have 2 to 6 weeks in which to produce the BERs, he expects to have them ready for publication in around 2 weeks time and certainly in time for consideration ahead of the next UPUC meeting.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 Diary Planning

4.1 User Pays User Committee (UPUC)

The meeting schedule for 2014 is to be confirmed in due course.