

UNC Workgroup 0466/0466A Minutes
Daily Meter Reading Simplification
Thursday 24 July 2014
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Darren Lond	(DL)	National Grid NTS
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Ian Hollington	(IH)	Joint Office
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 October 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

No actions outstanding.

2.0 Consideration of Alternate 0466A

The UNC Modification Panel had directed that Modification 0466A be considered by this Workgroup.

GE explained the difference between this Modification 0466A and Modification 0466, ie that for provision of the within day data the IX file transfer process be used rather than email.

DA observed that SLAs might be of concern in relation to using the IX (faster switching). Prioritisation of flows was discussed; DA explained the within day process in more detail. Using the IX for this purpose may place a higher percentage obligation on the IX in terms of performance and resilience than has hitherto been required of it.

3.0 Legal Text Assessment

The legal text provider for both modifications is National Grid Distribution.

The advantages of referring to the IX rather than UK Link in the legal text were explained. This may also need to be considered within the legal text for both modifications. CW explained IX was the preferred route after discussions with the service provider.

DA explained the subtle differences between within day readings and which service was best to use. He reiterated that the potential required service levels/performance were the concerns.

RJ explained why he would like to retain the granularity of data and the timeframes. DA did not see normal operation as a problem, but still had concerns should circumstances change. Xoserve needed to understand what gradation of service level was acceptable. He reiterated his concerns in more detail in respect of the potential process and the potential for attracting and applying tighter/more restricted service levels to meet the nuances in the use of the IX and the effects that this might have. RJ suggested that DA could provide an indication of what was achievable so that, taking a pragmatic approach, a view could be formed on SLAs if any might be required and any reporting regime.

Action 0701: Modification 0466A - Xoserve to provide a view on potentially acceptable service/performance levels in relation to the proposed use of the IX for within day data communications.

Modification 0466A

The legal text provided by CW was reviewed. It was noted that the only difference (compared to Modification 0466) was paragraph UNC TPD M4.6.1. The inclusion of the phrase "...subject to terms agreed...." was briefly discussed, with arguments being made for its exclusion or rewording. CW noted views for further consideration.

4.0 Review of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup Report is due to be submitted to the October UNC Modification Panel.

BF drew attention to the need to confirm costs.

Next Steps

The legal text for Modification 0466A will be revised to reflect the views expressed.

The aspiration will be for the Workgroup Report to be concluded at the next meeting (28 August) and then submitted to the September Panel.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning

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

The next meeting will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on Thursday 28 August 2014 at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	24/07/14	3.	<i>Modification 0466A</i> - Xoserve to provide a view on potentially acceptable service/performance levels in relation to the proposed use of the IX for within day data communications.	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward