



UK Link Programme Industry Go/No Go Criteria Background Information

Recap on Agreed Criteria

Readiness Factor	Completeness Required	Readiness Factor	Completeness Required
Xoserve Systems Design, Build, Test complete	Total	Migration data issues cleansed	Partial
Xoserve People & Process Change complete	Partial	Commercial data issues cleansed	Partial
PIS support structure established	Total	Data Quality data issues cleansed	Partial
Impacted parties have completed connectivity testing	Partial	iGT data loaded to preparation database	Partial
Impacted parties have completed Market Trials	Partial	Baselined scope Mods approved	Partial
Shipper Systems Design, Build, Test complete	Partial	iGT Mods approved	Total
Shipper People & Process Change complete	Partial	Transition Mods approved	Partial
GT Systems Design, Build, Test complete	Partial	Design Mods approved	Partial
GT People & Process Change complete	Partial	Relevant contracting arrangements in place	Partial
iGT Systems Design, Build, Test complete	Partial	Industry "go" criteria approved	Partial
iGT People & Process Change complete	Partial	Migration data issues cleansed	Partial

Shipper Readiness Criteria

- Xoserve were requested to draw up a straw man for developing the readiness criteria
- Concentrated on Shipper Readiness items
- At January COB meeting, agreed in principle that readiness should be measured by a combination of criteria
- Suggested criteria
 - % of total organisations ready
 - % of meter point coverage
 - % of gas throughput
- Agreement required that this is the right combination to be measuring readiness and the appropriate percentages for each

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Shipper Readiness Criteria

- Xoserve have suggest the following for discussion:
 - 65% of organisations ready and
 - 90% of meter point coverage and
 - 80% of gas throughput
- At January COB, all parties were asked to consider this and feed back any thoughts prior to a discussion at February COB

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2. PM/PA role: explore options for a 'softer' landing

Follow up on Baringa recommendations and explore other options



- What does “80:20” look like:
 - are the problem areas critical for 1 Oct?
 - is it feasible to defer retrospective adjustment?
 - any other pragmatic steps like UNC514?
 - what is constraining greater flexibility?
- If it becomes absolutely necessary to reconsider 1 Oct, what is the optimum fall back date?
- Who would be affected by a delay and to what extent?
 - what could be done to mitigate the negative impacts of a delay? (e.g. feasibility of implementing reconciliation ‘rule change’ with effect 1 Oct, recording SSP reads and catching up on actual reconciliation when systems are ready)

2. PM/PA role: Go/no go criteria

Establish and test against the framework

- Focus to date has been on the establishment of threshold
 - i.e. X% of the industry being ready, whether measured by party, number of supply points or throughput
- We agree in principle that such a metric may be required
 - unlikely to ever get 100% of parties 100% ready
 - the unpreparedness of an individual party or small group of individual parties should not hold up the rest of the market
 - however, this should not inadvertently become a threshold for a blocking minority
- Criteria could instead focus more on specific functionality
 - some business processes will be 'critical' – high 'pass rate' required
 - others not, in isolation, reason not to 'go' if not ready – lower 'pass rate' required
 - development and testing should prioritise accordingly
- Consultant could determine (and advise steering group):
 - whether planned test activity provides sufficient assurance on the effectiveness of data flows and processes
 - entry (and exit) criteria for testing (eg quality of test data and expected results)
 - whether testing demonstrates that go/no go criteria have been met