

UNC Workgroup 0551 Minutes
Protecting consumers who are disaggregated under Modification
0428 from Ratchet charges for Winter 2015/16

Thursday 24 September 2015

31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fergus Healy*	(FH)	National Grid Transmission
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	RWE npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Lyndon	(ML)	National Grid NTS
Naomi Nathanael*	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	WWU
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 October 2015.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved

1.2. Actions

Action 0201: National Grid Distribution (CW) to provide further information with regards to ratchet charges.

Update: CW confirmed this action could now be closed as this matter had already been addressed. **Closed**

Action 0104: HC to investigate putting User Pays on all queries within the Xoserve process.

Update: HC confirmed this action could now be closed at this matter had already been resolved. **Closed**

2.0 Workgroup Report

2.1. Amended Modification

SM explained that Modification 0551 had been amended, mainly focused on clarifying the Business Rules as had been discussed. There were no material changes with regards to the remainder of the wording and SM confirmed that NTS sites were excluded. JF agreed that this version did not present any issues with regards to the drafting of the legal text. FH stated that since the modification was associated to the Meter Point Reference Number, which would effectively remove NTS sites from scope, then that would be acceptable.

SM had a question regarding the raising of a query in relation to the 5 day time period specified in Business Rule 4, specifically in the circumstance of the process taking longer than 5 days. HC clarified that queries had to be raised within the D+5 time window. JF agreed that it was not advisable or an option to alter the existing arrangements. General discussion took place, eventually focussing on Christmas and Easter Holiday periods. It was agreed that DA and JF should look at this area, specifically regarding how to manage the query window within 5 days and the timed out period over the Christmas and Easter periods such that the Business Rules can be confirmed

New Action 0901: DA and JF to investigate how to manage the query window within the 5 day window and confirm any further BR4 amendments to SM.

2.2 Completion of Workgroup Report

JF advised that Legal Text had not been prepared at this time but was confident that the Business Rules were now robust enough to carry out this work. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the Workgroup Report pending receipt of the Business Rules and Legal Text.

LJ suggested that a further meeting should be held to finalise the Report in order to meet the Panel reporting deadline of October; a Teleconference Call was agreed for 06 October 2015.

3.0 Next Steps

LJ stated that the aim was to conclude the Modification 0551 Workgroup Report at the teleconference meeting to be held on 06 October 2015 – 9.00am – 10.00am.

4.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup Teleconference call will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
09.00 Thursday 06 October 2015	(Teleconference: 0207 950 1251 access code, 84534777#)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review amended BR4 • Consider Legal Text • Completion of Workgroup Report

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0551 0201	04/09/15	1.2	National Grid Distribution to provide further information with regards to ratchet charges.	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Closed
0104	04/09/15	2.0	HC to investigate putting User Pays on all queries within the Xoserve process.	Xoserve (HC)	Closed
0901	24/09/15	2.0	DA and JF to investigate how to manage the query window within the 5 day window and confirm any further BR4 amendments to SM	Xoserve (DA) & Northern Gas Networks (JF)	Pending