

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday 22 December 2015
ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin*	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison*	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Kevin Berwick*	(KB)	First Utility
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	RWE npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Rachel Hinsley*	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom
Sue Hilbourne	(SH)	Scotia Gas Networks

* *via teleconference*

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1. Introduction and Status Review**1.1. Minutes (26 November 2015)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Modification(s) with Ofgem

Ofgem has returned Modification 0551 - Protecting consumers who are disaggregated under Modification 0428 from Ratchet charges for Winter 2015/16, to the UNC Modification Panel. See 4.4, below.

1.3. Pre-Modification discussions

SM advised that Gazprom was intending to raise a modification aimed at restricting ratchets to Class 1 sites following Project Nexus Implementation to the January UNC Modification Panel, with the request that it be sent to a Workgroup for development.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0520 0520A - Performance Assurance Reporting

(Report to Panel 18 February 2016)

The minutes of this meeting are published at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0520/221215.

2.2. 0526 - Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier

(Report to Panel 17 March 2016)

The minutes of this meeting are published at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0526/221215.

2.3. 0564R – Review of Annual Read Meter Reading requirements

(Report to Panel 17 March 2016)

The minutes of this meeting are published at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0564/221215.

3. Issues

None raised.

4. Any Other Business

4.1. Missing ECVs

See 5, below (outstanding actions DX1001, DX1002 and DX1101).

4.2. MNC MPRN creation process update

AC reported this had gone back to the UK Link Committee, and it looks like a process will be starting in the new year (February).

4.3. Modification 0431- Shipper/Transporter – Meter Point Portfolio Reconciliation - *Lessons Learnt*

Item deferred to next meeting, 28 January 2016.

4.4. Modification 0551- Protecting consumers who are disaggregated under Modification 0428 from Ratchet charges for Winter 2015/16

Ofgem Send Back - discussion

JD explained that Ofgem had decided it could not make a decision on this proposal based on the information currently provided in the Final Modification Report (FMR), and that there were two aspects that required further consideration by the Workgroup.

The legal text proposes that the provisions shall apply from 01 October 2015 to 31 May 2016, which means that, if approved, UNC Modification 0551 would apply retrospectively. (There are only particular circumstances where Ofgem considers it to be appropriate to consider retrospectivity, and has published guidance to assist Proposers.) However, the FMR did not include any reasons to support the proposed retrospective implementation date. As previously advised at the UNC Modification Panel, Ofgem considered that there was a need to justify the retrospective implementation date.

Ofgem also noted that, although the modification is aimed at protecting customers

affected by UNC Modification 0428, which introduced the UNC rule permitting only one meter point per supply point, it would not apply to any customers who were disaggregated between the decision date for UNC Modification 0428, i.e. 25 July 2013, and the proposed UNC Modification 0551 application date of 01 October 2015. There were concerns that this could discriminate against those customers. Ofgem was of the view that evidence either needs to be provided as to why this is appropriate, or a revision to the application period to include all customers affected by UNC Modification 0428 (if justification for any retrospective application is provided) should be considered.

Following a brief discussion, SM indicated that he would be happy to realign the modification to match Modification 0428, and would submit a Variation Request accordingly. To give a sense of the materiality it was suggested that Xoserve might be able to provide supporting information (scale of ratchet charges, and number of sites to which these might be applied over the relevant period). It was noted that both documents would need to be provided to the Joint Office by 08 January 2016 for submission to the January 2016 UNC Modification Panel.

Action DX1201: *Modification 0551* - SM to consider submitting a Variation Request to January 2016 UNC Modification Panel.

Action DX 1202: *Modification 0551* - Xoserve to provide supporting information (scale of ratchet charges, and number of sites to which these might be applied over the relevant period) to accompany the Variation Request.

5. Review of Outstanding Actions

DX0202: *Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs* – Xoserve (DA) to clarify discussions around how readings should be provided (i.e. estimated read provisions etc.), as undertaken within other forum (i.e. PN Workgroup and UKLC).

Update: Item deferred until the February Workgroup meeting. **Carried forward**

DX1001: *Missing ECVs* – SM to provide examples to the DNs for review.

Update: SM requested this be carried forward to 28 January 2016 meeting. **Carried forward**

DX1002: *Missing ECVs* – DNs to provide a process for reporting missing ECVs and any other non-standard issues and how the discovering party can request a replacement or remedial work.

Update: RP confirmed that Wales & West Utilities had provided a process and he understood that Northern Gas Networks had provided something similar. It was anticipated that the other DNs would provide their processes by the next meeting. **Carried forward**

DX1101: *Missing ECVs* – Transporters to consider reasonable SLAs for query responses.

Update: It was anticipated that the DNs would provide this information by the next meeting. **Carried forward**

6. Diary Planning

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

Distribution Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 28 January 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • Workgroup 0526 • Workgroup 0564R
10:30 Thursday 25 February 2016	Energy UK, Charles House, 5- 11 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 24 March 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 28 April 2016	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 26 May 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 23 June 2016	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 28 July 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 25 August 2016	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 22 September 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 27 October 2016	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 24 November 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 22 December 2016	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>

Action Table (22 December 2015)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DX0202	26/02/2015	4.4	<i>Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs – Xoserve (DA) to clarify discussions around how readings should be provided (i.e. estimated read provisions etc.), as undertaken within other forum (i.e. PN Workgroup and UKLC).</i>	Xoserve (DA)	<i>On hold until February meeting</i> Carried forward
DX1001	22/10/15	4.1	<i>Missing ECVs – SM to provide examples to the DNs for review.</i>	Gazprom (SM)	<i>Due at 28/01/16 meeting</i> Carried forward
DX1002	22/10/15	4.1	<i>Missing ECVs – DNs to provide a process for reporting missing ECVs and any other non-standard issues and how the discovering party can request a replacement or remedial work.</i>	DNs (NGN, NGD and SGN)	<i>Due at 28/01/16 meeting</i> Carried forward
DX1101	26/11/15	4.1	<i>Missing ECVs – Transporters to consider reasonable SLAs for query responses.</i>	ALL DNs	<i>Due at 28/01/16 meeting</i> Carried forward
DX1201	22/12/15	4.4	<i>Modification 0551 - SM to consider submitting a Variation Request to January 2016 UNC Modification Panel.</i>	Gazprom (SM)	<i>Provide to JO by 08/01/16</i> Pending
DX1202	22/12/15	4.4	<i>Modification 0551 - Xoserve to provide supporting information (scale of ratchet charges, and number of sites to which these might be applied over the relevant period) to accompany the Variation Request.</i>	Xoserve (HC)	<i>Provide to JO by 08/01/16</i> Pending