

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 28 April 2016
at Energy UK, 5-11 Regent Street, London, SW1Y 4LR

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Angela Love	(AL)	ScottishPower
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Colin Blair	(CBI)	ScottishPower
Dave Addison*	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gavin Anderson*	(GA)	EDF Energy
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Welch*	(JW)	RWE npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sasha Pearce	(SP)	npower
Simon Harrison	(SH)	Experian
Suchitra Hammond	(SHa)	Ofgem
Steve Mulliganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review**1.1. Minutes (24 March 2016)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Modification(s) with Ofgem

Consideration deferred.

1.3. Pre-Modification discussions

CW explained that National Grid Gas is looking to raise a modification to reflect separation in legal ownership of National Grid owned LDZs in order to facilitate the sale of National Grid Distribution (NGD) Business.

In providing a very brief explanation behind the rationale for raising this modification, CW explained that a similar approach to the previous 'hive down' process is envisaged and that the modification seeks to break out NGD from National Grid Gas with identification of suitable transitional processes and arrangements (i.e. legal demarcations; transfer of obligations; management of accessions to Code etc).

CW advised that whilst he expects to formally raise the modification in time for consideration at the 19 May Panel, he would then be providing a more detailed presentation relating to this matter, and also be inviting a lawyer to accompany him, at the next Distribution Workgroup meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 26 May 2016.

CW requested that should anyone wish to provide feedback prior to him formally raising the modification, that they contact him asap.

During a short debate, the consensus was that this modification would sit better under the Governance Workgroup area of consideration.

BF suggested that perhaps the question of whether or not this would / could qualify as a self-governance modification would need to be considered in due course. He pointed out to CW that a formal modification would need to be submitted before Friday 06 May 2016 for inclusion within the May Panel agenda.

It is envisaged that following approval at the May Panel, a single workgroup meeting would be needed in order to complete a Workgroup Report.

2. Workgroups

- 2.1. **0574S – Creating the permission to release supply point data to the Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)**
(Report to Panel 16 June 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0574/280416>
- 2.2. **0580S – Implementation of Non Effective Days to enable Annual AQ Review (independent of Nexus transition)**
(Report to Panel 19 May 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0580/280416>
- 2.3. **0570 - Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum**
(Report to Panel 21 July 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0570/280416>
- 2.4. **0564R - Review of Annual Read Meter Reading requirements**
(Report to Panel 21 July 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0564/280416>
- 2.5. **0526 – Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier**
(Report to Panel 19 May 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0526/280416>
- 2.6. **0571 – Application of Ratchets Charges to Class 1 Supply Points Only**
(Report to Panel 16 June 2016)
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0571/280416>

3. Issues

None raised.

4. Review of Outstanding Actions

DX0201: Regarding the previous action DX0202: *Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs* – all Shippers to supply feedback with regards to the allocation of new or use of existing MPRNs.

Update: RH explained that to date, no responses had been received. When asked whether they needed more time, parties preferred to close the action. **Closed**

DX0301: Xoserve (DA) to investigate Modifications 0532 and 0535 timelines and highlight Go, No Go, decisions in relation to Non Effective Days.

Update: In light of UNC Modification 0580S, parties agreed the action could now be closed. **Closed**

DX0302: Xoserve (DA) and National Grid Distribution (AC) to investigate how the management of meters and meter points on sub deduct arrangements are managed and reported.

Update: AC advised that consideration of the process remains ongoing and is focusing on ownership of MPRNs and pipework aspects and is not looking to remove the MPRN from the system, its just clarifying where the Transporters responsibilities end. CW pointed out that the Code does contemplate the existence of MPRNs downstream of a Transporters Network.

Some parties remained concerned as to who is responsible for (downstream) customers who may lose their gas supplies through the actions or inaction of another party, and the apparent lack of transparency of information appertaining to these downstream customers. How will a Supplier know the MPRN is downstream of the Transporters network?. In recognising that the industry is where it is on the sites in question, SM suggested that the issues relate more to how we get better visibility of information in order to ensure that these customers do not lose their gas supplies for extended periods of time as they do not know who to communicate with. He pointed out that in order to fulfil its obligations, Gazprom (and of course other Shippers / Suppliers) need access to the relevant contact related information from the Transporters. Responding, RH pointed out that there is no information available that relates to adopted pipeworks held within the UK Link system that would be helpful. RH then went on to give a background on how the supporting CRN process and PRS report generation (via CMS) works and explained some of the limitations involved. AJ was keen to understand if Transporters have updated the site schematics at each site they have visited to ensure ownership is clearly defined.

Carried Forward

In addition to the above discussions, two new actions were assigned to GDNs, as follows.

New Action DX0401: Reference outstanding action DX0302 – Xoserve (RH) & GDNs to provide a process flow map for PRS's provided via the CMS.

New Action DX0402: Reference outstanding action DX0302 - GDNs to outline a process for how Shippers will be notified of who owns a (sub deduct) pipework.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Modification 0390 – Shipper SHQ Review Invitations

In providing a brief resume of the usage information provisions, HC advised that a communication relating to this matter would be issued shortly.

5.2. Modification 0581S Reports

When asked why Gazprom had already received these reports ahead of the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID), RH explained that Xoserve had previously stated that the provision of these reports would be on a 'reasonable endeavours'

basis and due to the fact that this commitment was given based on the original PNID, they have been provided anyway ahead of the revised schedule.

5.3. SMART Meter Time of Use Registers

In referring to the all SMART meter time of use registers, AJ voiced her concerns that the UNC may not fully satisfy / address the potential settlement issues associated with the total register considerations and defining / mandating which register is to be provided.

In short, SSE is contemplating raising a UNC modification and would like views as to whether or not self-governance would / could be applicable – without actually seeing a draft modification, the consensus of those present was that it would potentially qualify as a self-governance modification.

During a brief discussion, CW pointed people in the direction of UNC TPD Section M, paragraph 1.4.3 for more details.

When asked, AJ explained that an alternative option of pursuing the matter through the SPAA process had been considered by SSE, but was discounted at this time.

BF suggested that perhaps it would be more prudent at this stage, to raise a new Distribution Workgroup issue in order to undertake some meaningful preliminary discussions before formally raising a UNC modification. Some parties also suggested that perhaps SSE would like to raise a UNC Review modification, which would also ensure suitable consideration is given to this matter.

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 26 May 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Workgroup 0564R</i> • <i>Workgroup 0570</i> • <i>Workgroup 0571</i> • <i>Workgroup 0574S</i>
10:30 Thursday 23 June 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 28 July 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 25 August 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>

Action Table (28 April 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DX0201	25/02/16	4.0	Regarding the previous action DX0202: Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs – all Shippers to supply feedback with regards to the allocation of new or use of existing MPRNs	All Shippers	Update provided. Closed
DX0301	24/03/16	1.3	Xoserve (DA) to investigate Modifications 0532 and 0535 timelines and highlight Go, No Go, decisions in relation to Non Effective Days.	Xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
DX0302	24/03/16	5.1	Xoserve (DA) and National Grid Distribution (AC) to investigate how the management of meters and meter points on a sub deduct arrangements are managed and reported.	Xoserve (DA)	<i>Due at 26/05/16 meeting</i> Pending
DX0401	28/04/16	4.	<i>Reference outstanding action DX0302</i> - GDNs (CW) to provide a process flow map for PRS's provided via the CMS.	Xoserve & GDNs	Pending
DX0402	28/04/16	4.	<i>Reference outstanding action DX0302</i> - GDNs (CW) to outline a process for how Shippers will be notified of who owns a (sub deduct) pipework.	GDNs	Pending