

UNC Workgroup 0570 Minutes
Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading
per meter point into settlement once per annum
Thursday 25 August 2016
at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Angela Love*	(AL)	ScottishPower
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
James Hill*	(JH)	EDF Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Maitrayee Bhowmich-Jewkes*	(MBJ)	RWE npower
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steve Mulliganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 November 2016.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes (28 July 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

AL provided a brief overview of the recent amendments to the modification, explaining that these had been undertaken, in the most part, following feedback at previous meetings and wider industry comments.

A brief summary of the salient discussion points follows:

Section 1 – Summary

During an onscreen review, AL explained that the proposed ‘grace period’ is in terms of targets and tolerances and that it is in essence, trying to capture post Project Nexus aspects such as where Users are not reaching their respective targets, whereupon the potential impacts affect the wider industry. However, this may be due to circumstances outside of their control due to the implementation of new complex systems. Some parties voiced concern that this could ‘cut across’ the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) role, as it could be seen to potentially limit PAC’s ability to act. Responding, AL agreed to give this matter further consideration and provide a view at a future meeting.

Section 2 – Why Change?

In line with comments received at the meeting, AL explained that the changes proposed within the last paragraph on page 4 are looking to explain why the modification should be implemented ahead of Project Nexus.

Thereafter, AL indicated that she would also reconsider the 'grace period' (and what might be the consequence of NO readings being provided by a User etc.) statement within this section along with any Ofgem aspects.

Section 3 – Solution

AL indicated that once again she would reconsider the suitability of the 'grace period' statement contained within this section and the following sections.

Section 5 – Implementation

Moving on to a more generalised discussion around the modification, AC made reference to his previous comments (as provided to AL in an email) and explained that he is looking at this from the perspective of the Transporter assigned responsibility for production of the accompanying legal text. He is particularly keen to understand whether or not the modification is advocating a 'one solution fits all' approach. Responding, AL acknowledged that she would need to reconsider tolerance (read performance) levels and possibly look to adopting some of the UNC Modification 0520A 'Performance Assurance Reporting' (incremental change) aspects.

AC then went on to voice his concern that currently under the UNC (i.e. UNC TPD Section M3.1.4 etc.), the obligation on the Shipper is to provide a valid reading, and that the modification solution omits reference to a 'valid' read and therefore appears to turn the onus of responsibility around. In short, he believes that the lawyers maybe concerned that the current proposed solution 'softens' the valid reading obligations – one possible simple solution being to include 'valid meter read' within the various modification statement(s). At this point RH also provided a brief resume of some key points raised by her Xoserve colleague A Miller, especially those relating to reporting. Responding, AL indicated that she would consider the points / concerns raised and make changes where appropriate.

In considering what might be deemed to be the earliest possible reporting date for the Workgroup, BF explained that currently the Workgroup is scheduled to report to the 17 November 2016 Panel meeting, although an early report could be undertaken if appropriate.

SM wondered whether or not Users could / would possibly opt for a self reporting solution for the pre Project Nexus period as an alternative to the modification, if they were given the choice.

Concluding, AL advised that she would endeavour to consider the feedback provided and where necessary seek to discuss the matters (offline) with interested parties with a view to making suitable amendments to the modification in due course.

3.0 Workgroup Report

3.1. Consideration of Business Rules

Consideration deferred.

3.2. Review of Impacts and Costs

Consideration deferred.

4.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions to consider at the meeting.

5.0 Next Steps

ScottishPower (AL) to submit an amended modification inline with Workgroup discussions for consideration at the 22 September 2016 Workgroup meeting.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 22 September 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • Consideration of amended modification • Consideration of legal text • Development / Completion of Workgroup Report