

UK LINK Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 12 January 2017

via teleconference

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office	
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office	
Alison Neild	(AN)	Gazprom	Member
Bob Broadhurst	(BB)	British Gas	
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON	Member
Clare Cantle-Jones	(CCJ)	SSE	
Dave Hipwell	(DH)	British Gas	
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve	
Graham Wood	(GW)	British Gas	Member
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy	Member
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes	(MBJ)	RWE npower	Alternate
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	Member
Mike Fensome	(MF)	RWE npower	
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping	Member
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve	Transporter
Simon Power	(SP)	EDF Energy	
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve	

Copies of meeting papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uklc/120117>

1. Introduction and Status Review

CS welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed its quorate status.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (08 December 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Overview of Modifications Impacting UK Link Systems

SN provided a brief overview on recently raised and 'in flight' modifications, as follows:

0610 – Project Nexus - Miscellaneous Requirements

SN explained that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time associated with these proposed miscellaneous 'sweep up' elements that look to align the legal text to how the system actually works.

0609 – Transitional arrangements for gas settlement and replacement of Meter Readings (Project Nexus transitional modification)

SN explained that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time associated with these updated transitional arrangements that should 'come into effect' post Project Nexus implementation on 01 June 2017.

0608 – Implementation of 'single service provision' arrangements for iGT connected system exit points (Project Nexus transitional modification)

SN explained that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time associated with these proposed transitional arrangements for iGTs that should 'come into effect' post Project Nexus implementation on 01 June 2017.

0607S – Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point

SN reiterated that there are no anticipated UK Link system impacts at this time.

0602 0602A and iGT092 092A – Implementation of Non Effective Days and Variant Non-Business Days for Project Nexus Implementation (Project Nexus transitional modification)

SN advised that the (UNC) modifications had been discussed at the recent Change Management Steering Group (CMSG) meeting where it was suggested that perhaps the proposer should consider withdrawing 0602. However, after consulting with Ofgem it has been decided to allow 0602 to continue through to the end of the modification process alongside 0602A.

3. Issues referred from PNDG

SN explained that he did not have a specific update for this meeting.

4. Xoserve Reporting Updates

4.1. UK Link Modification Implementation Plan

4.1.1. Current UK Link Changes Awaiting Scheduling – In Analysis

0576 – Generation of an estimated meter reading at the code cut off date in the absence of an actual read – Enduring solution

SN advised that this change order provides Transporters with an ability to create an estimated Meter Reading with an effective date of the Code Cut Off Date where no Meter Reading has been received within the previous seven years. Enduring solution to be communicated

The enduring solution will first need to run in April 2018. 10 Months after Project Nexus 'Go-Live'.

COR4073 – Gemini EU Phase 4a

SN explained that this change order has been added to the Implementation Plan for early visibility purposes – it was pointed out that whilst the proposed August 2017 implementation date is close to the Project Nexus Implementation Date (PNID), it cannot be altered due to EU regulations.

Further information will be provided in a forthcoming Change Pack issue.

4.1.2. Current Project Nexus Changes Awaiting Scheduling – In Analysis

COR1154.15.27 – UKLP Including Nexus Requirements – RTO File Format & Hierarchy

In referring to previous communications 1506.4 and 1496 relating to this matter, SN advised that he had no further update on this change order at this time.

4.1.3. Current UK Link Changes Awaiting Scheduling – Awaiting Approval

COR4082 – CMS Web Browser Compatibility

In referring to previous communications 1680.1, SN explained that this change order involves changes to the current Transport Layer Security (TLS) version by updating it to version 1.2, on the grounds that this is stronger for security. However, version 1.2 is only compatible with certain browsers.

SN went on to explain in more detail that for (Internet Explorer) IE versions 8, 9 and 10 the TLS version 1.2 is disabled by default and will therefore need to be enabled by the system administrator. IE version 11 and above are compatible with TLS version 1.2. Any Users who continue to use IE versions below 8 will be unable to access CMS. This change order is therefore proposing that Users upgrade their IE versions to 8 or above

To date, 1 x response has been received from Northern Gas Networks asking whether we are proposing to undertake testing. In short, there is a 6 month cutover period to allow for User testing. Further information will be provided in due course.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order – **Approved**

4.1.4. Current Project Nexus Changes Awaiting Scheduling – Awaiting Approval

COR1154.15.82 – File Numbering on Inbound and Outbound Flows

RH explained that based on the extensive number and complexity of responses received on this matter, Xoserve are NOT seeking approval of this change order at today's meeting.

It is expected that the matter would be discussed at the next TPG meeting and a change pack communication would be issued in due course.

COR1154.15.84 – Description changes to records within the CDN and CDR – 'Anticipated Values'

In referring to previous communications 1673.1, SN explained that this change order relates to a description change to the GAS_ACT_OWNER field and the NEW_METER_READING_UNITS field. In short, the word 'allowable' has been amended to 'anticipate' as these are C&D files. The word 'allowable' was incorrectly added in following consistency checks across files, therefore this issue has now been addressed.

1x supporting response from EDF Energy was received.

When asked, SN confirmed that this is a description only change.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order – **Approved**

COR1154.15.85 – Shipper Rejection Codes V2.14FA

In referring to previous communications 1680.2, SN explained that this change order relates to an administrative update to reflect the character length of 8 for the following Rejection Codes:

- NOM00036 was incorrectly listed as NOM0036, therefore with a missing zero, and
- CNF00073 was incorrectly listed as CNF000073 , therefore with an additional zero.

1x supporting response has been received.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order – **Approved**

COR1154.15.86 – Notification of Deferred Change – Nomination Referrals

In referring to previous communications 1680.3, SN explained that this change order relates to instances where the User nominates the prevailing capacity where the ratio of Supply Offtake Quantity (SOQ) and the Supply Hourly Quantity (SHQ) is between 16 and 24, which will be referred to the Networks.

SN then pointed out that this is not per legacy however, and due to code stability concerns they will not be reversed until some point in the future. He then reminded parties that the CMSG would decide on prioritisation of future changes.

2x responses have been received in relation to this change order which highlighted questions around response times and governance aspects.

SN explained that as far as response times are concerned he fully expects that the Networks will endeavour to be sensible in terms of where it is obvious the prevailing values are in use especially as the Networks are able to see the values on their respective screens - it is likely they will return the referrals in good time, unless there are large volumes involved. However, it is difficult to predict how many sites will be referred as to how many DMV sites will be moved into Class 2.

SN explained that this interim solution (until PNID) does not change any other DN site validation aspects.

In considering the governance question and whether or not this is suitably catered for within Code, SN referred parties to TPD Section G2.3.8 which relates to referrals, although it does not go into detail regarding the various scenarios involved in a referral.

When asked, UKLC members approved the change order – **Approved**

4.1.5. Current UK Link Changes Approved - Scheduled for Implementation

TBC

Proposed Datafix to Meter Link Code

SN apologised explaining that this change order had already been implemented on 12 September 2016 even though the matter had not been formally raised with the UKLC members.

SN advised that the matter relates to the identification of instances of an erroneous code of 'N', which was subsequently fixed by changing any values to read as 'F'. Circa 2000 sites were impacted and the meter link code was amended in order to allow the Users to submit reads on these sites.

When asked, SN confirmed that any 'dead sites' with a value of 'N' had also been amended just in case they are resurrected at some future point.

SN agreed that Xoserve would issue a retrospective communication relating to these facts in order to provide suitable industry transparency.

COR3413.1 Removal of 'Automatic' Creation of Meter Models on Receipt of RGMA Transactions – Revised Implementation Date

SN confirmed that the revised implementation date would now be after 30 January 2017 (but before PNID), as the environment is currently being utilised for AQ Trial calculation purposes.

An update will be provided at the February UKLC meeting.

From this point onwards, the remainder of the Implementation Plan items were taken 'as read' as provided, unless otherwise stated.

Project Nexus Implementation Date

The majority of these changes relate to Project Nexus and are all still in development for implementation on the Project Nexus Implementation Date.

Post Project Nexus Implementation date

COR1154.15.64 – UKLP Including Nexus Require – Contact Title Allowable Values

SN explained that this change order remains on track for a post PNID implementation. He then reminded parties that the CMSG would decide on prioritisation of future changes.

4.1.6. UK Link Changes – Implemented since the last UK Link Committee

Meeting

Temporary Suspension of M3.3.4b Validation on Shipper Provided ('Unbundled') Meter reading

SN confirmed that this change order had been finally implemented on 03 December 2016.

COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts

SN confirmed that this change order (supporting the National Grid company split) had been implemented on 01 January 2017.

4.1.7. UK Link Changes – Withdrawn

COR1154.15.32 – UKLP Including Nexus Requirements – Data Update Code (DUC) – JOB File

SN pointed out that this change order had now been formally withdrawn and remains on the plan simply for information purposes only.

When asked, UKLC members indicated that they are happy for this item to be removed from future implementation plans.

4.2. Xoserve Report

SN focused attention on the following outages identified in Report E, whilst providing a brief update on the proposed timings etc.:

- 1154.15 - 'UKLP Including Nexus Requirement - Outage', and
- 1154.16 – 'UKLP GCC – Outage to Gemini' – presented for awareness purposes only – GCC code will be deployed during the maintenance window and therefore no extension will be required;
- 1154.16 – 'UKLP GCC – Outage to Gemini' – GCC contingency will be deployed during the maintenance window and therefore no extended outage will be required, and
- 1154.16 – 'UKLP GCC – Outage to Gemini' – Gemini and Gemini Exit to deploy siteminder configurations for UKLP GCC go-live. Confirmation of whether the UKLP IDR2 two hour requirement will need to be reduced will be provided in due course (possibly April).

Thereafter, reports A, B, C, D and E were accepted.

4.3. Review of Change Log

Whilst there was not specific update for the meeting, RH reminded those present that the Change Log is published each Friday.

5. Review of Actions

UKL0801: Reference COR3143 – File Transfer Guide V12FA V12.1FA - Xoserve (DA) to look to provide a high level process flow map for the Supplier / MAM (non UKL user to non UKL user) aspects and to also consider a suitable publishing location for any supporting documentation.

Update: SN explained that whilst consideration remains ongoing, his colleague D Addison is close to attaining internal Xoserve approval. A communication relating to this matter and seeking user responses is expected soon. **Carried Forward**

UKL0901: Reference COR1154.15.61 – Treatment of Non Measuring Assets – Confirmation of Treatment when as Asset Status Code is not provided - Xoserve (DA) to confirm when the Allowable Asset Status Code table contained within the UK Link Manual would be / had been updated.

Update: SN explained that whilst work remains ongoing. **Carried Forward**

UKL1001: Reference the UKL Organisation Table updates – All parties to provide a view on their preference on what type of informational changes they would like to be informed about and what frequency of updating and publication of the organisation table would be deemed acceptable – thereafter Xoserve (DA) to provide feedback at the November UKLC meeting.

Update: When SN explained that there had been no feedback from users relating to this matter after the action was carried forward at both the November and December 2016 UKLC meetings, some parties voiced concern that the matter could also impact on the new Meter Model tab that has now appeared within the published table. Responding, CB once again highlighting the issues that E.ON are experiencing when new parties are joining the market place (i.e. timing of key information provision / alignment between the MDD process and the Organisation Table).

SN pointed out that the Xoserve Customer Lifecycle team have contacted E.ON direct to discuss the matter further (Reference D Ward's email dated 13 December 2016). He then suggested that should any party have any remaining / new concerns relating to the matter, that they contact him direct to discuss in more detail offline. **Closed**

UKL1102: Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts - Xoserve (DA) to confirm the origin of the proposed Project Nexus credit / debit solution revisions.

Update: SN explained that this change order relates to a code stability milestone for MT regression that was previously requested by the industry, and fully supported by Xoserve.

SN then went on to advise that the matter was initially discussed at the MTWG and thereafter through the re-planning constituency meetings (PNDG and PNSG). **Closed**

UKL1201: Reference COR1154.15.65 – Transformation Rules (Pack Eight) - Xoserve (RH) to look to clarify how the process would be managed / enabled for instances where the (embedded) AMR option is not ticked on the system.

Update: RH explained that her colleague D Addison is looking to provide a direct response to A Neild on this matter in due course – in essence, the AMR indicator needs to be populated to instigate the Check read and the ASP ID does not infer a Check read, therefore if the AMR indicator is NOT populated on embedded AMRs, the Check read will NOT be issued. **Closed**

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Compression of Batch Files Schedule

When SP explained that EDF Energy had written to Xoserve on this matter, RH advised that she is chasing a response from colleagues and would chase for a progress update.

New Action 0101: Xoserve (RH) to chase a response to EDF Energy's compression of batch files schedule enquiry and provide an update at the next UKLC meeting.

7. Diary Planning

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

It was noted that post March 2017, UKLC Meetings will fall under FGO governance and UKLC members will be kept updated of developments. Until then the UKLC Meetings will take place as follows:

Time and Date	Venue	Programme
10:00, Thursday 09 February 2017	Teleconference	Standard agenda and other items to be confirmed
10:00, Thursday 09 March 2017	Teleconference	Standard agenda and other items to be confirmed

Action Table (as at 12 January 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status
UKL 0801	11/08/16	4.1.3	<i>Reference COR3143 – File Transfer Guide V12FA V12.1FA</i> - Xoserve (DA) to look to provide a high level process flow map for the Supplier / MAM (non UKL user to non UKL user) aspects and to also consider a suitable publishing location for any supporting documentation.	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
UKL 0901	08/09/16	4.1.4	<i>Reference COR1154.15.61 – Treatment of Non Measuring Assets – Confirmation of Treatment when as Asset Status Code is not provided</i> - Xoserve (DA) to confirm when the Allowable Asset Status Code table contained within the UK Link Manual would be / had been updated.	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
UKL 1001	13/10/16	4.1.4	<i>Reference the UKL Organisation Table updates</i> – All parties to provide a view on their preference on what type of informational changes they would like to be informed about and what frequency of updating and publication of the organisation table would be deemed acceptable – thereafter Xoserve (DA) to provide feedback at the November UKLC meeting.	All Parties	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1102	10/11/16	4.1.5	<i>Reference COR4043 – Network Sales Functional Impacts</i> - Xoserve (DA) to confirm the origin of the proposed Project Nexus credit / debit solution revisions.	Xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 1201	08/12/16	4.1.4	<i>Reference COR1154.15.65 – Transformation Rules (Pack Eight)</i> - Xoserve (RH) to look to clarify how the process would be managed / enabled for instances where the (embedded) AMR option is not ticked on the system.	Xoserve (RH)	Update provided. Closed
UKL 0101	12/01/17	6.1	To chase a response to EDF Energy's compression of batch files schedule enquiry and provide an update at the next UKLC meeting.	Xoserve (RH)	Pending