

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 23 March 2017
at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(ACI)	National Grid Gas Distribution
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Miller	(AMi)	Xoserve
Angela Love*	(AL)	ScottishPower
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Gas Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON Energy
Dan Simons	(DS)	MRASCo
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Eleanor Laurence*	(EL)	EDF Energy
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gavin Anderson*	(GA)	EDF Energy
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kathryn Turner*	(KT)	Good Energy
Kish Nundloll	(KN)	ESP
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Nikki Rozier*	(NR)	BUUK
Paul Rock*	(PR)	Gemserv
Phil Lucas*	(PL)	National Grid NTS
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shanna Key*	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steve Ladle*	(SL)	Gemserv
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall
Tahera Choudhury	(TC)	Xoserve

* *via teleconference*

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1. Introduction and Status Review

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (23 February 2017)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Modification(s) with Ofgem

It was noted that there are no Distribution related modifications currently with Ofgem awaiting a decision.

1.3. Pre-Modification discussion

None items to consider.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0593 / iGT095 – Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries

(Report to Panel 20 July 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0593>

2.2. 0570 – Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum

(Report to Panel 15 June 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0570>

2.3. 0571 0571A – Application of Ratchet Charges to Class 1 Supply Points (and Class 2 with an AQ above 73,200kWhs)

(Report to Panel 18 May 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0571>

2.4. 0594R – Meter Reading Submission for Advance & Smart Metering

(Report to Panel on 15 June 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0594>

2.5. 0613S – Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document

(Report to Panel on 18 May 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0613>

3. Project Nexus Requirements

3.1. RAASP

Introducing this item, BF explained that the Workgroup has the right to defer consideration of this late submission – the Workgroup agreed to consider the matter at short notice.

DA provided a very brief overview of the supporting presentation explaining that in future (post FGO/DSC/Nexus world) Xoserve would be working very closely with Change Managers to progress matters.

During a brief discussion, it was noted that RAASP would be considered in more detail as part of the Change Management Committee discussions, especially when considering the change prioritisation aspects.

When asked, CW confirmed that following discussions on the matter with Ofgem he does not anticipate raising a formal UNC modification at this time and is awaiting further clarity around the proposed October 2018 date before committing to a modification. DA added that delivery of RAASP is also heavily dependant upon the successful delivery of Project Nexus and subsequent feedback from Change Managers.

It was agreed to consider the presentation in more detail at the April Distribution Workgroup meeting.

3.2. Transition Business Rules for Project Nexus

DA explained that the document has been amended to take into account UNC Modification 0609 requirements. (*Ref: paragraph 7.6 AQ Appeals amendment on page 18*)

When asked, AC explained that in short, the document is 'catching up' with the 0609 legal text.

4. Issues

None.

5. Review of Outstanding Actions

DX1102: *Use of weighted SOQ rather than actual SOQ - Issue arising from Market Trials -* DA to provide an interpretation paper to aid understanding, for the next DWG meeting (22 December 2016).

Update: In introducing the 'Workaround – Defect 12790' document, DA explained the issue around the potential BRD omission. In short, the proposed workaround solution adopts a weighted average based approach and has the support of the Market Trials Group. Going forwards, the approach would become the enduring solution.

DA went on to explain that this matter also impacts the Uniform Network Code Validation Rules and therefore, a change marked version of the document has been provided for parties to review and provide feedback.

When asked, DA confirmed that so far, no other Workgroups or industry forums have been engaged on this matter. CB voiced her concern that as it ultimately proposes an enduring solution, explaining that she would be unhappy for the matter to only be discussed and progressed through the Uniform Network Code Committee route.

BF suggested, and parties agreed that this is not really a Distribution Workgroup matter and would really be better progressed through the (new) DSC Change Management review and decision process. CB requested that as there are potential Shipper system impacts involved that Xoserve consider issuing an industry communication to industry wide distribution listings, not least the old UKLC listing. RH also explained the accession approach to the new Change Management Distribution listing creation.

New Action DX0303: Reference Uniform Network Code Validation Rules amendments – Xoserve (DA/RH) to issue an industry wide Shipper/User impact communication via the new Change Management distribution listing.

Thereafter, it was agreed that action DX1102 could now be closed. **Closed**

DX0201: Reference Potential RAASP Delivery – All parties to consider providing views to NGGDL (CW) on a potential approach to the system solution delivery concerns in order that NGGDL can respond accordingly at the March Workgroup meeting.

Update: Awaiting further clarification. **Carried Forward**

DX0301: Transferred in from 0609WG – Ofgem (JD) to consider the AQ file validation issue as part of the Project Nexus implementation group and provide a view on options; validate AQ values or introduce a more robust Nexus acceptance process.

Update: CW explained that this matter has also been discussed at a recent PNSG meeting where parties indicated that they are happy with the proposals. **Carried Forward**

DX0302: Transferred in from the final standalone UKLC meeting – 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: DA explained that once the various UNC Modification 0613S UK Link Manual related documentation are provided, the action could be closed. **Carried Forward**

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Diary Planning

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

It was noted that the next opportunity to discuss the 0593/iGT095 matters would be at the 04 April 2017 iGT Workgroup meeting.

Distribution Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 27 April 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 25 May 2017	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 22 June 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Agenda items • <i>Other – to be confirmed</i>

Action Table (23 March 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DX1102	24/11/16	6.3	<i>Use of weighted SOQ rather than actual SOQ - Issue arising from Market Trials - DA to provide an interpretation paper to aid understanding, for the next DWG meeting (22 December 2016).</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
DX0201	23/02/17	3.1	<i>Reference Potential RAASP Delivery – All parties to consider providing views to NGGDL (CW) on a potential approach to the system solution delivery concerns in order that NGGDL can respond accordingly at the March Workgroup meeting.</i>	All parties & NGGDL (CW)	Carried Forward
DX0301	23/03/17 <i>(trans from 0609)</i>	5.	To consider the AQ file validation issue as part of the Project Nexus implementation group and provide a view on options; validate AQ values or introduce a more robust Nexus acceptance process.	Ofgem (JD)	Carried Forward

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DX0303	23/03/17	5.	<i>Reference Uniform Network Code Validation Rules amendments</i> – Xoserve (DA/RH) to issue an industry wide Shipper/User impact communication via the new Change Management distribution listing.	Xoserve (DA/RH)	Pending