

Review Group UNC0264 Minutes
11 December 2009
via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	BF Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	LD Joint Office
Bali Dohel	BD Scotia Gas Networks
Chris Warner	CW National Grid Distribution
Christian Hill	CH RWE npower
David Watson	DW British Gas
Dawn Burdett	DB xoserve
Gareth Evans	GE Waters Wye Associates
Karron Baker	KB Ofgem
Phil Lucas	PL National Grid Distribution
Simon Trivella	ST Wales & West Utilities
Zoe Titchenor	ZT xoserve

1. Introduction and Status Review

The meeting was declared quorate.

1.1. Minutes from previous Review Group Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Review of actions from previous Review Group Meetings

Action RG0264/008b: xoserve to provide information on the number of disconnections taking place or requested of sites which may not have been able to reduce their SOQ/BSSOQ.

Update: Following a brief discussion it was agreed that this was now irrelevant and it was agreed to close the action. **Closed**

Action RG0264/015: DNs to confirm if BSSOQ data is needed for operational purposes.

Update: Both CW and ST did not believe that it was necessary; processes can operate without this data. **Closed**

Action RG0264/016: All to consider and comment on National Grid's draft Proposal seeking to remove BSSOQ from the UNC.

Update: CW reported that no comments had been received, and the Modification Proposal will be formally raised in due course. **Closed**

Action RG0264/017: JO to produce a draft Review Group Report ahead of the next meeting.

Update: Produced and published. **Closed**

2. Review Group Discussion

2.1. Review of Long Term Solution

CW believed that the draft Modification Proposal was fairly well developed now. It was enduring and independent of 0275 and was implementable in line with interruption reform. It was recognised that system changes would be required but costs had yet to be quantified.

BF confirmed that no alternative solutions had been put forward and asked if there were any additional comments. It was agreed that further discussion would not add much value.

CW confirmed his intention to raise a ROM to obtain some indication of costs and potentially identify any User Pays implications, following that he would report details to the Distribution Workstream. In response to a question from BD, CW indicated that the outcome of the ROM was not anticipated to change the intent to raise the Modification Proposal. In response to a question from GE, CW confirmed that the ROM was likely to be raised in January/February 2010 and the Modification Proposal was therefore likely to be raised February/March 2010.

Summarising, BF said that there were no further solutions for the Long Term aspects and the Review Group had covered the Short Term by raising an urgent Modification Proposal; those present then supported BF's view that the Review Group could be concluded.

2.2. Review Group Report

BF reported that comments had been received from National Grid Distribution and these had been included in the draft Report that had been published in advance of this meeting.

The draft Report was then reviewed section by section.

Section 1 – BF confirmed that the reference to the ToR and the attached document in Appendix 1 would be deleted/removed, and replaced with an appropriate link to the website.

Section 4 – It was suggested that the outcome of the UNC Modification Panel meeting to discuss the urgent Modification Proposal 0275 might be included for completeness.

Section 5 – Adding a comment, that the Review Group had considered the Long Term solution against Ofgem's criteria, was suggested; also, that the Proposer was obtaining an indication of costs etc, and would report on these to the Distribution Workstream.

Section 6 – There was a brief discussion, but it was concluded that no further inclusions/amendments were required.

CW suggested adding a link to one of the previously provided presentations that contained useful information to aid understanding.

At the conclusion of the review BF agreed to redraft and make all amendments agreed in light of the discussions, and confirmed that a revised Review Group Report would be published on the JO website. Any further comments should be made as soon as possible so that a finalised Report could be approved (by email). It was the intention to submit the formal Review Group Report to the January 2010 meeting of the UNC Modification Panel.

3. AOB

None raised.

4. Diary Planning for Review Group

It was agreed that work of the Review Group had been concluded and that no further meetings were required.

ACTION LOG - Review Group 0264: 11 December 2009

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
RG0264 0008b	13/11/2009	1.2	xoserve to provide information on the number of disconnections taking place or requested of sites which may not have been able to reduce their SOQ/BSSOQ.	xoserve (DJ)	Closed
RG0264 0015	13/11/2009	2.2	Confirm if BSSOQ data is needed for operational purposes	DNs	Closed
RG0264 0016	13/11/2009	2.2	Consider and comment on National Grid's draft Proposal seeking to remove BSSOQ from the UNC	All	Closed
RG0264 0017	13/11/2009	4	Produce a draft Review Group Report ahead of the next meeting	Joint Office (BF)	Closed