

Report for Network Code Committee

June 2005

UK Link Committee

Meetings Held

The May UK Link Committee met on 19 May 2005

Planned

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 16 June 2005. It was agreed from July that the Committee meeting will take place at 10.00 am on the second Thursday of each month.

Matters for Network Code Committee's Attention

Revisions to the membership of the Committee to reflect changes, such as change of surname or job holders, are suggested, the new members being:

| Name | Company |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Graham Wood | British Gas Trading Limited |
| Hazel Doyle | EDF Energy |
| Peter Eastwood | E.ON UK plc |
| Caroline Purcell | Gas Transporters (Joint) |
| David Mayne | RWE npower |
| Michael Reid | Scottish Power |
| Martin Brandt | Scottish and Southern Energy plc |
| Warren Collins | Statoil (UK) Ltd |
| Dave Harries | Total Gas & Power Limited |

The Network Code Committee is invited to confirm these membership changes.

UK Link Modifications Activity

The following Modifications have been referred to the Committee

Existing UK Link Modifications Awaiting Implementation Plan. Discussed within Committee:

12494 *'Addition of 'Prevailing AQ' and 'Prevailing EUC' to the info provided within the CSEP (CEP) Invoice'*

Analysis has been carried out on this UK Link Modification and the scope is being discussed between xoserve, on behalf of the Transporters, and Scottish Power - the originators of the change request. On the basis of the scope agreed, this will be undertaken as a Class 2 UK Link Modification.

11681 *'Project Gemini – Replacement of AT Link'*

A report on this project was submitted and discussed. Shipper Working Group meetings have been held and more are planned in June 2005. BP's recent change request 'Additional functionality to Gemini API' was discussed separately.

'Provision of Testing Services for Electronic Code Communications'. This is the subject of Uniform Network Code Modification Review Group 001 (formerly 0650). As part of the review process, a questionnaire had been issued. It was agreed that this would be re-issued for return by 31 May 2005. (*Post meeting note – this action was completed 20 May 2005*). A meeting of the Review Group to discuss the outcome of the questionnaire, which would be collated beforehand by Scottish Power, was arranged for 16 June 2005 immediately following the UK Link Committee Meeting.

'Network Code Reading Modification'. Network Code Modification Proposals 0683, 0689 and 0690 were approved by Ofgem and implementation did not require any UK Link Modification. However, in order to improve the functionality of UK Link, the Transporters were expecting to

submit a plan to the June meeting for implementation in November 2005 – this would also include functionality to support the Customer Transfer Programme identified below.

'Customer Transfer Programme'. Network Code Modification Proposals 0741 and 0742 were approved by Ofgem and implementation did not require any UK Link Modification. It has also been established that no new transfer file was required (a file U11 had been discussed previously as a possibility).

Existing UK Link Modifications Awaiting Implementation Plan. Carried-over without Discussion:

'Electronic Data Catalogue'

Included in this report for visibility.

11928 *'Transco LNG Storage Communications'*

UK Link Manual change indicated to reflect use of the 'CALMS' system for LNG services.

12760 *'Proposed Sale of Distribution Networks – Invoice and Supporting Information File Format Changes'*.

Raised 07/01/04, Approved 18/11/04, (File Formats 12/04/05), Implementation Date 01/06/05

New UK Link Modifications – Change Request Submitted Since Last Committee Meeting

'Replication and enhancement of Gemini API Functionality'

This had been submitted 19/05/05 by Stewart Davis of BP Gas Marketing. There had also been some discussion on the issues at UK Link Committee and BP had raised Network Code Modification Proposal 0738 but this had been rejected by Ofgem. xoserve had already carried out a high level analysis and the implementation plan would be discussed at the June meeting.

Existing UK Link Modifications Approved and Discussed at Meeting:

1714 *'RT_N10_Revenue_Share_Adjustment_Record Additional Allowed Reason Types (NTE File Format) (V10)'*

xoserve agreed to check whether the list of reasons codes previously published was exhaustive.

Raised 17/02/05, Approved 17/02/05, Implementation Date 03/06/05

Topics Activity

Meetings of the UK Link Committee, under previous governance arrangements, have been based on a structure of actions which incorporated discussions on various UK Link Modifications, other topics and straightforward queries.

The following actions have already been detailed in the above list of UK Link Modifications.

Aug04 – 01 *'Proposed Sale of Distribution Networks – Invoice and Supporting Information File Format Changes'*

Aug04 – 02 *'Addition of 'Prevailing AQ' and 'Prevailing EUC' to the info provided within the CSEP (CEP) Invoice'*

Mar05 – 01 *'Replication and enhancement of Gemini API Functionality'*

Mar05 – 03 *'Network Code Reading Modification' and 'Customer Transfer Programme'*

Mar05 – 04 *'RT_N10_Revenue_Share_Adjustment_Record Additional Allowed Reason Types (NTE File Format) (V10)'*

In addition, Oct04 –01 had been scheduled for closure.

The following Topics were created and discussed (previous reference in brackets):001UKL *IX Upgrade*

(Mar05 - 02) Some problems had been encountered during the trials. It was emphasised that the scheduled end date of 11/09/05 was still achievable. xoserve agreed to provide an updated implementation plan and a report on the trial.

002UKL *Governance of non UK Link Systems*

(Apr05 - 01) Whilst the UK Link Committee is set-up to deal with systems identified in the UK Link Manual systems, the systems detailed in the Non-UK Link Manual are outside its remit and are therefore covered neither by the Committee nor the processes outlined in Section U. xoserve agreed to investigate the processes followed previously for non UK Link Systems.

The following Topics were created and placed on hold (previous reference in brackets):003UK *UNC Modification Proposal 010 (0735) 'Amendment to the minimum notice required for UK Link L changes'*

(Oct04 - 02) This Topic is on hold pending a decision by Ofgem.

UK Link Committee – UK Link Modification Status Report

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| UK Link Mod Ref | UNC Mod Ref (Old) | Mod Title | Received | Organisation | Status | Status Update | Next Process |
|-----------------|------------------------|---|----------|----------------|---|---|---|
| n/a | n/a | Electronic Data Catalogue | N/a | Transco | For Visibility | None | None |
| 12494 | n/a | Addition of 'Prevailing AQ' and 'Prevailing EUC' to the info provided within the CSEP (CEP) Invoice | 20/08/03 | Scottish Power | Analysis complete, agreement that it is a Class 2 Modification | 24/05/05 | Prepare Implementation Plan |
| 11928 | n/a | Transco LNG Storage Communications | 08/01/03 | Transco LNG | In development – a UK Link Manual change to reflect the use of the CALMS system for LNG storage operations. A Class 1 Modification. | None | Prepare update to UK Link Manual |
| 11681 | n/a | Project Gemini – Replacement of AT Link | 01/10/02 | Transco | In development. A Class 2 Modification | Report presented to May meeting | Consultation and reporting to continue |
| n/a | 001 (0650) | Provision of Testing Services for Electronic Code Communications (Review Group) | 20/09/03 | Scottish Power | Review Group 001 in progress. Modification Class to be agreed | Questionnaire to Users re-issued 20/05/05 | Review Group 001 Meeting scheduled for 16/06/05 |
| n/a | (0683 0689 0690) | Network Code Reading Modification | n/a | Transco | Requirements under review. A Class 2 Modification | Regular updates provided to UK Link Committee | Prepare Implementation Plan |

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| n/a | (0741 0742) | Customer Transfer Programme | n/a | Transco | Requirements under review. A Class 2 Modification | Regular updates provided to UK Link Committee | Prepare Implementation Plan |
| n/a | (0693) | Maximum Read Frequency | n/a | Transco | Requirements under review. A Class 2 Modification | Regular updates provided to UK Link Committee | Prepare Implementation Plan |
| 12760 | n/a | Proposed Sale of Distribution Networks – Invoice and Supporting Information File Format Changes | 07/01/04 | Transco | Approved 18/11/04. A Class 2 Modification. | File formats re-issued 20/05/05 | Close as implemented Modification |
| 1714 | (0687) | RT_N10_Revenue_Share_Adjustment_Record Additional Allowed Reason Types (NTE File Format) (V10) | 17/02/05 | Transco | Approved 17/02/05. A Class 2 Modification. | xoserve to check on whether reason code list was exhaustive | Close as implemented Modification |

UK Link Committee – Topic Status Report

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| Topic No | Date Created | Topic Originator | Topic Title | Associated Modification Proposal(s) | Priority for Discussion (H/M/L) | Description | Next Step |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Active | | | | | | | |
| 001UKL | 19/05/05 | Transco | IX Upgrade | None | M | Ongoing programme of upgrades taking place, including User testing | Issue progress report and revised Implementation Plan by 14/06/05 |
| 002UKL | 19/05/05 | Transco | Governance of non UK Link Systems | None | M | Governance of these systems in need of clarification. | xoserve to Investigate previous practice and report to June meeting. |
| On Hold | | | | | | | |
| 003UKL | 19/05/05 | Scottish and Southern Energy plc | Amendment to the minimum notice required for UK Link changes | UNC 010 (0735) | M | Modification Proposal seeks to introduce quarterly releases, extend the notice period and amend the definition of UK Link Modification Classes. Final Modification Report submitted 25/02/05 | Awaiting Ofgem decision |