UNC Workgroup 0369/0369A Minutes Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – measures to address shipperless sites

Monday 10 October 2011 at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(TD)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alison Jennings	(AJe)	Xoserve
Andy Lees	(AL)	National Grid NTS
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Claire Thorneywork	(CT	National Grid NTS
Darren Jackson	(DJ)	Xoserve
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Watson	(DW)	British Gas
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Linda Whitcroft	(LW)	Xoserve
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Richard Vernon	(RV)	RWE npower
Sasha Pearce	(SP)	RWE npower
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Stefan Leedham	(SL)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tabish Khan	(TK)	Ofgem

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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of Actions

No outstanding Actions to review.

2.0 Discussion

The Workgroup considered the amended Modification 0369A and discussed the scenario where a customer meter had been removed and the customer had subsequently reconnected their own meter. The group considered the customer refitting the meter and either not engaging into another contract or have engaged into a contract but the supplier had failed to register the site. The use of deemed contracts were considered under Modification 0369 and that the costs in this situation could be recovered.

It was agreed to further amend Modification 0369A for clarity around the reconnection of customer owned meters. It was agreed that the amendment was for clarification only and that it would not affect the provided Legal Text.

CW confirmed some comments had been received on the text and that these were being considered. He confirmed a final version of the text would be provided to the Workgroup soon.

DW expressed concern about illegal re-connections. ST explained that GS(IU)R would not apply if a meter is in place and taking gas, therefore the service cannot be disconnected.

Xoserve confirmed that the Costs are still being considered. The Workgroup considered the User Pays element. ST believed that as a Transporter would not be responsible for the isolation and withdrawal of supply points that they should not fund the modification. It was suggested the modification could be a User Pays service with development costs paid up front and the remaining costs recuperated from those who have had to use the service on a periodic basis. Further consideration was required.

The Workgroup considered the Workgroup Report making some additional changes for consideration at the next Workgroup Meeting.

3.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

4.0 Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

The next meeting of the Workgroup will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup, on 27 October 2011, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT.