

UNC Workgroup 0396 Minutes
EU Third package: Three week switching
Thursday 22 September 2011
at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alison Jennings	(AJ)	Xoserve
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
George Glenn	(GG)	ScottishPower
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Karen Kennedy	(KK)	ScottishPower
Linda Whitcroft	(LW)	Xoserve
Lisa Harris	(LH)	Shell Gas Direct
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Phil Broom	(PB)	GDF Suez
Richard Street	(RS)	Corona Energy
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Sasha Pearce	(SP)	RWE npower
Stephan Leedham	(SL)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

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1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting(s)

1.1. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions from previous meetings

0001: Ofgem to consider if the funding for the change could be made through a miscellaneous pass through of costs.

Update: Ofgem had indicated “that it would be most appropriate for this modification to be funded through the User Pays mechanism on the basis that provision was not specifically made for this expenditure under the current price control. This is supported by the arguments set out in the Gas Distribution Price Control Final Proposals Decision Document published in December 2007 (see page

97) <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/GasDistr/GDPCR7-13/Documents1/final%20proposals.pdf>”.

Closed.

0002: Joint Office to publish the Third Energy Package options matrix.
Update: Completed. **Closed.**

0003: Shippers to ensure System experts where necessary attend future meetings.
Update: Expert input would be sought as needed. **Closed.**

2.0 Discussion

A draft Workgroup Report had been published. TD made on-screen changes to the report to capture the views raised. It was noted that legal text is required to enable completion of the Workgroup Report. CW confirmed that he was happy that the wording within the solution section of the report was sufficient for National Grid Distribution to commence work on the legal text. However, whilst he believes that the legal text may be ready in time for the 10 October meeting, he would prefer to wait a little longer in case any alternative modifications are raised. TD noted that the Workgroup is required to report by the November Panel, such that the text is required irrespective of any alternatives that may be raised.

During discussion on the 2 day objection window rule, which is not addressed by the modification, Xoserve (AJ/LW) agreed to investigate the potential impact and implications of reducing from two to one business days. RS pointed out that the SMART project is currently discussing the change of supplier process reducing to a 1 day process.

Action 0004: Xoserve (AJ/LW) to investigate the potential impact and implications of reducing the objection window rule from two to one business days.

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 10 October 2011, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT, with the intention being to consider the draft legal text and finalise the Workgroup Report prior to submission to the Modification Panel.

ACTION LOG – Workgroup 0396

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0396 0001	07/09/11	2.0	Ofgem to consider if the funding for the change could be made through a miscellaneous pass through of costs.	Ofgem (AW)	Update provided. Closed
0396 0002	07/09/11	2.0	Joint Office to publish the Third Energy Package options matrix.	Joint Office	Completed. Closed
0396 0003	07/09/11	2.0	Shippers to ensure System experts where necessary attend future meetings.	Shippers	Update provided. Closed
0396 0004	22/09/11	2.0	Investigate the potential impact and implications of reducing the objection window rule from two to one business days.	Xoserve (AJ/LW)	Update to be provided at the 10/10/11 meeting.