

UNC Workgroup 0422 Minutes

Creating the permission to release data to Meter Asset Provider organisations

Thursday 24 May 2012

at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross*	(ARo)	Northern Gas Networks
Alison Jennings	(AJ)	Xoserve
Andrew Green	(AG)	Total
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Miller	(AMi)	Xoserve
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Cesar Coelho	(CC)	Ofgem
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melèn	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Jane Franklin	(JF)	CMAP
Kay Houghton	(KH)	CMAP
Lisa Waters*	(LW)	WatersWye
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Richard Street	(RS)	Corona Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tim Davis	(TD)	Joint Office

* *by teleconference*

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1.0 Outline of Modification and initial discussion

BD introduced the modification that seeks to facilitate the release of information to Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) - MAPs are keen to know who is using their meter as they tend to have a relationship with MAMs and Suppliers.

2.0 Discussion

KH presented an overview of the issues on behalf of the Community of Meter Asset Providers, who are supporting this modification.

SM questioned what the issues are with the SPAA data flows such that this modification is considered necessary. KH explained that a number of circumstances exist which have produced difficulties in accessing data. JF added that the communication chain can be extended and potentially breaks down at various points. The SPAA process will remain and is expected to become mandatory. BD explained that the modification was to augment the SPAA process rather than to replace or duplicate it, such that no dual governance

issues are anticipated. KH confirmed that the new process was expected to focus on areas where accessing the data through the SPAA route has proven problematic. RS added that making the information available should help the whole market, including those that may not employ a MAP at present - creating the right environment with the right protections should be in the interests of all.

SM questioned why the Shipper ID should be provided. KH did not see the Shipper ID as critical, although BD saw value in the information being available.

Issues were raised about the need to ensure suitable confidentiality. The proposed confidentiality arrangements were recognised as addressing this, although RS felt that it might help to spell out the consequences of any breach. AMi explained that he saw no reason why the terms of any agreement to provide services to MAPs should not be in the public domain, including the confidentiality agreement.

AMi confirmed that any Xoserve costs would be recovered from MAPs using the service.

3.0 Consider Terms of Reference

The Workgroup raised no issues regarding the Terms of Reference.

4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

5.0 Diary Planning

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

The next meeting will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on:

Thursday 28 June 2012, 10:30, ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF