

**UNC Workgroup 0425 Minutes
Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – Shipperless sites**

Thursday 27 September 2012

ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross	(ARo)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andrew Wallace	(AW)	Ofgem
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Brian Durber*	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Darren Lond	(DL)	National Grid Transmission
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Elaine Carr*	(EC)	ScottishPower
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye (for Total and Corona)
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG
Rowaa Mahmoud	(RM)	Ofgem
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

*via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 15 November 2012.

1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

0003: Ofgem to provide a view on deemed contracts and if a deemed contract applies when there is a difference between the registration date in the system and the actual registration date.

Update: Following the last meeting Cesar Coelho had provided a written response, stating that he believed that “Ofgem had nothing additional to add in relation to Ofgem’s view provided at the meeting on 08 August 2012. To recap:

- Ofgem struggles to understand why the dates would be different, and would like to understand the rationale – comments have been passed to the Proposer.
- In Ofgem’s view a deemed contract may be capable of applying, in these situations, if the site has a registered Shipper in the central systems. This is a registration issue.

- Ofgem needs to understand the implications of not physically backdating the registration in the Supply Point Register, and has challenged as to whether there is a means of providing some evidence as to who is the registered Shipper at any point in time – this is a common issue between UNC Modification 0425 and UNC Modification 0424.” **Closed**

0004: DNs to provide a view on the number of aborted GSR cut off visits.

Update: EM (for Wales & West Utilities) reported that she had had difficulty in obtaining statistics in relation to this and explained why. CW (for National Grid Distribution) had also experienced similar difficulties in extrapolating meaningful data. Circa 2,500 eligible cut-offs were identified each month (number subject to internal validation), 2,000 of which were generally worthy of further investigation and a site visit and there are various reasons why these are not disconnected. Around 400 per month end as disconnections. This was not a straightforward area. **Closed**

0005: Xoserve to confirm whether or not Xoserve is able to use a meter reading as a trigger of Shipper activity.

Update: DA confirmed that relevant projections were held on the system. An example was given that would indicate that a Shipper has a relationship with a site. Xoserve will take this forward and data uncovered from this will be used in a one-off exercise for further investigation. **Closed**

2. Legal Text

AM expressed an aspiration for the Workgroup Report to be submitted to the October UNC Modification Panel, as previous discussions had led him to conclude that no further development work was necessary. The practicalities of achieving this were discussed.

CW believed that the legal text might be provided by the time of the next meeting (05 October 2012). The short notice/lack of time gave GE cause for concern, as he believed the text would require closer consideration, and he was not convinced that this should be rushed for October rather than November.

Reiterating the progress of the modification process, BF pointed out that the October Panel could request the provision of formal legal text (having considered the Workgroup Report if submitted) and therefore the modification would be unlikely to be issued for consultation before November, unless Panel determined that formal legal text was not required to be provided for the consultation phase.

AW added that Ofgem had some detailed questions relating to this modification, which he was intending to discuss with the Proposer outside of this meeting, and which may or may not result in the revision of the modification. The outcome of these discussions would be clarified at the meeting on 05 October 2012.

CW confirmed that, assuming no changes were made to the modification, the legal text would be provided by 05 October 2012 and an update provided at the Workgroup meeting.

In light of these comments AM then revised his aspiration and expectation, which was now to complete the Workgroup Report on 10 October 2012.

3. Workgroup Report

Discussion was deferred until the meeting on 10 October 2012, at which time the legal text and the Workgroup Report will be considered, with a view to completing the Report.

4. Any Other Business

None.

5. Diary Planning

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

The next meetings will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup on:

Friday 05 October 2012, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Wednesday 10 October 2012, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Thursday 25 October 2012, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0003	12/06/12	2.0	Ofgem to provide a view on deemed contracts and if a deemed contract applies when there is a difference between the registration date in the system and the actual registration date.	Ofgem	Closed
0004	12/06/12	2.0	DNs to provide a view on the number of aborted GSR cut off visits.	All DN's	Closed
0005	08/08/12	2.0	Xoserve (DA) to confirm whether or not Xoserve is able to use a meter reading as a trigger of a Shipper activity.	Xoserve (DA)	Closed