

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

Thursday 23 May 2013

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

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andrea Varkonyi*	(AV)	First Utility
Chris Hill	(CH)	Cornwall Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Corby*	(DC)	National Grid Transmission
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	WatersWye Associates
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford*	(HC)	Utilita
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom Energy

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0425/230513

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 15 August 2013

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Opening, BF explained that at the 16 May 2013 UNC Modification Panel considered new issues had been raised:

“Members determined for Modification 0425 that Workgroup 0425 should consider the new issues raised in representations with a report presented by the August Panel”

2.0 Consideration of new issues raised in Consultation Responses

In undertaking an on screen review of the additional issues recorded in the Final Modification Report, BF pointed out that it is not the intention to revisit the whole of the FMR, but in fact to concentrate on the ‘new/additional issues’ raised and where appropriate agree whether these were valid or not.

The approach is to simply examine the high-level aspects of the issues at this meeting and to then revisit (in more detail) any deemed to be appropriate at a later meeting.

Focusing attention on the 'Additional Issues Identified in Responses' section on page 19 of the FMR, parties undertook a high-level review of each submission in turn with the intention of identifying whether or not the issue(s) are valid.

British Gas – following a brief discussion, the consensus was that this matter would be 'covered' under business rules 24 and 25 and was therefore **not** a new/additional issue.

Corona Energy – in the absence of a Corona representative, the consensus is that this is actually covered under the general auspices of the FMR and therefore **not** a new/additional issue.

EDF Energy – it was acknowledged that whilst this was a common theme shared across a few of the responses and is possibly similar to the British Gas item, in the absence of an EDF Energy representative a view could not be reached at this time.

A new action was placed on the Joint Office (BF) to contact Naomi Anderson and seek clarity on EDF's concern that where a Shipper ceases to operate in the market or has changed the services it offers, they could pick up consumers to whom they cannot offer a supply contract; and/or it cannot recover debts from as it does not have a contractual relationship with these consumers.

National Grid Distribution – discussions centred on the issues associated to the deemed contract aspects along with potential gaps in the continuous registration processes – the worry being that Ofgem could / would have issues around the matter (similar to their previous concerns relating to UNC Modification 0424 - Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – prospective measures to address shipperless sites). AM pointed out that as Proposer of the modification British Gas Trading has a different (legal) view and believes that the Gas Act is not specific about 'continuous registration'. Some parties wondered whether Code provisions would override the deemed contracts in any case.

Whilst it was suggested that retrospective registration and Supplier contract aspects could negate NGDs (deemed contracts) concerns, the consensus in the end was that this **is** a new/additional issue that warranted further (more detailed) consideration in due course.

Northern Gas Networks and Scotia Gas Networks – EM explained that Panel members main concern related to the meter information. AM pointed out that the modification itself is not trying to mandate the provision of specific items of information and therefore questions whether or not the points raised actually constitute a new/additional issue – it was agreed to defer consideration until EM had had a chance to discuss in more detail with Xoserve.

Scottish Power – whilst there was not a Scottish Power representative in attendance at the meeting, the consensus was that this issue falls under business rules 24 and 25 and is therefore **not** a new/additional issue. It was agreed that as a safety net, it would be worthwhile double-checking with Scottish Power in due course.

SSE – during a brief debate it was agreed that yet again the first point (1st paragraph) would fall under the auspices of business rules 24 and 25.

Moving on to focus on the remainder of SSE's points, it was suggested that as far as the

“that a prudent customer in the same circumstances, who seeks their supplier by contacting the transporter, will be told that there is no registered supplier to their site. However, once a meter is discovered on their site, they will find that they do have a relationship with a supplier of which no one made them aware when they enquired. This is likely to lead to complaints particularly as the supplier involved may also have been contacted by the customer and indicated that they were not the supplier to that site”,

(2nd paragraph) statement was concerned, business rule 22 would / could apply. It was also noted that the meter asset information resides within the CND store which means that ultimately the GSR process would 'pick up' where customers have not followed through on their commitments. Accordingly, consensus was that this is therefore **not** a

new/additional issue.

Moving on to consider SSE's final point (3rd paragraph), it was suggested that this relates to a network capacity constraint type of issue. It was anticipated that this matter would / could actually get picked up by the standard network processes whereby the 'referral' would land with the correct management personnel who would redirect it to the correct Network Operator to resolve. Once again the consensus was that this is therefore **not** a new/additional issue.

Wingas – consensus was that this falls under the auspices of business rules 24 and 25 and is therefore **not** a new/additional issue.

In concluding the discussions, it was agreed to look to collate the 'missing' views and commence work on the Additional Issues Panel Report at the next meeting – this should focus on the detail for each issue.

Concluding, a new action was placed on the Joint Office (BF) to contact both Naomi Anderson to seek clarity on EDF's additional issue and Marie Clark to seek clarity on ScottishPower's additional issue.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Workgroup Process

5.1 Agree actions to be completed ahead of the next meeting

New Action 0425 05/01: Joint Office (BF) to contact both Naomi Anderson to seek clarity on EDF's additional issue and Marie Clark to seek clarity on ScottishPower's additional issue in time for consideration at the next meeting.

6.0 Diary Planning

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

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

Thursday 27 June 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Thursday 25 July 2013 at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0425 05/01	23/05/13	2.0	To contact both Naomi Anderson to seek clarity on EDF's additional issue and Marie Clark to seek clarity on ScottishPower's additional issue in time for consideration at the next meeting.	Joint Office (BF)	Update to be provided.