

UNC Workgroup 0428/0428A Minutes Single Meter Supply Points

Wednesday 06 March 2013

at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Brian Durber	(BD)	WatersWye
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Dave Smith	(DS)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Hayley Burden	(HB)	National Grid NTS
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0428/060313>.

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 18 April 2013.

1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

0101: National Grid NTS to provide analysis on the impacts to directly connected sites.

Update: BV reported that there were between 25 to 30 affected sites. AR confirmed that the salient points for these sites were; the number of instances where these meter points act as one, ramp rates and the offtake rates calculated in Project Nexus arrangements. He believed these were specific issues, which require the NTS meter points to be carved out of the modification. AR acknowledged that the removal of NTS aggregated meter points created unattended consequences, for bespoke arrangements would be required on the NTS. As a result multi metered supply points on the NTS need to be considered within the modification and the legal text. SM believed that the carve out for NTS direct connects would equally apply to Modification 0428A. **Complete.**

2. Workgroup Report

Modification 0428

AR confirmed that Modification 0428 would need to be amended with revised text to exclude NTS direct connects. SM also confirmed that these changes would also need to be reflected in Modification 0428A.

Modification 0428A

AR provided an overview of the legal text and clarified that no more aggregated supply meter points can be created or any additional meter points added to an existing aggregation. However, individual meter points could be removed from an existing aggregation should it be required.

AR highlighted that the legal text for TPD A Section 4.2.3 would need to reflect the Project Nexus go live date.

AR explained that the aggregation rules would be frozen at the point of Project Nexus implementation; those that exist will be preserved. The Workgroup considered the scenarios in which an existing aggregation could be altered. It was clarified that no new meter points could be added to an existing aggregation as it would be considered to be a new meter point and therefore not eligible. However, the aggregated supply point could be changed to remove a dead meter points i.e. 4 meter points would become a configuration of 3. It was clarified that it would not be possible to split an existing configuration of 4 meter points to become two new configurations containing 2 meter points each for example, however, the individual meter points could be removed and recognised as a supply point in its own right.

CW reiterated that no new meters could be added to an existing aggregation or create any new aggregations. However any number of meters from an aggregation can be taken out and be a supply point in its own right.

Costs

GE enquired how the Workgroup was going to consider and compare any costs or cost savings. It was understood that cost savings could be realised through Nexus if the project didn't have to build functionality or partial functionality. The Workgroup considered whether cost savings ought to be compared for example how much cheaper would it be not to build a system for multi metered supply point compared to building partial functionality and full functionality.

The Workgroup considered the system costs, some anticipated that Modification 0428A would cost more than Modification 0428 following Project Nexus implementation, however SM challenged that there is no additional cost of maintaining the status quo as Transporters have been funded to build as like.

Both modifications were expected to have marginal costs on the Project Nexus build, though it was acknowledged that the BRDs assumption would be single supply points, though this had not been discussed in full within the Project Nexus Workgroup at the time.

The Workgroup considered the merits of producing a ROM. DA believed that a ROM would not assist the process in this case. RA believed that the costs were not a significant factor in the decision making process for the modifications. However, AM expressed concern that the industry should not dismiss that one solution may for example be £2m cheaper than another and this information would affect responses. Nevertheless AR believed that the main factor to consider is the correct management of Transportation Charges.

Terms of Reference

BF highlighted that the Workgroup have been asked by UNC Panel to consider undue discrimination within the Workgroup Report.

Action 0102: Workgroup to consider potential undue discrimination issues for both modifications.

Workgroup Report

It was agreed to undertake further refinement of both modifications and legal text with the intention of completing the Workgroup Report on 02 April 2013.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning for Review Group

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

The next meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 02 April 2013, at 14:00 via Teleconference

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0101	24/01/2013	2.0	Provide analysis on the impacts to directly connected sites.	National Grid NTS (BV)	Complete
0102	06/03/2013	2.0	Workgroup to consider potential undue discrimination issues for both modifications.	All	Pending