

UNC Workgroup 0428 Minutes Single Meter Supply Points

Thursday 22 November 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
Brendan Murphy	(BM)	Waters Wye Associates (for Total and Corona)
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Collette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Corby*	(DC)	National Grid NTS
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0428/221112.

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 21 March 2013.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

No outstanding actions for review.

2.0 Discussion

The amended Modification was reviewed.

AM sought views on whether 2 months notice of implementation was the right length of time. In the window provided Shippers have been given time to address the changes they will need to make, however British Gas believe it will take more than 2 months to facilitate disaggregation but that they would commence the process in

advance of the 2 months notice. AM did not believe that the reference to '4 months' needed to be included. It was in the Shipper's gift to disaggregate as much in advance as it wished. AM indicated that British Gas supported the proposal. AR noted the suggestion to remove the reference to '4 months'.

Responding to a further question from AM, AR explained how twin stream meters operated. It was not a common arrangement and was mostly found on large sites. It was a metered bypass arrangement and would not be construed as 2 capacities for charging, but treated as one virtual meter. AM suggested it should have one MPRN. AJ commented that metered bypasses are to be encouraged over unmetered versions.

AM also observed that the customer impact of disaggregated sites is of concern to Shippers and the concept of a Contract Link code ought to be addressed – perhaps by a complementary proposal? AR encouraged the raising of such a proposal as soon as possible so the concept could be built into any planned system changes. AR recognised the need for such a facility and would endorse the concept but would need to understand details/requirements from the Supplier's perspective as to how it might work, ie re-registration of blocks of customers (such as Supermarket sites). If Suppliers wanted this facility then an appropriate party should raise it, as it was not captured under Project Nexus requirements.

3.0 Workgroup Report

BF highlighted that the report date had been extended to 21 March 2013.

AW requested that attention be given to including the following in the Workgroup Report:

- A clear acknowledgement and recognition of what impacts there were on charges faced by consumers
- Broader impacts on consumers – there were likely to be concerns raised by consumers relating to past engineering decisions made under the past/current regime, and how these might now be affected by these proposed changes.

Commenting that charging implications were discussed at the Distribution Charging Methodology Forum (DCMF) and referring to Modification 0418, AM suggested that the implementations for this Modification 0428 *and* Modification 0418 should be linked together because of similar system changes/training issues- the impacts on Shippers' businesses could be minimised if these were 'tied' together. AR responded that while progress on Modification 0428 was lagging well behind Modification 0418, there may be synergies and opportunities to synchronise elements may present. EM agreed to bring this to attention of the Charging Teams and DCMF.

Action 1101: Draw the attention of the Charging Teams and DCMF to consider potential synergies and opportunities to synchronise elements of Modification 0428 *and* Modification 0418 to minimise implementation impacts on Shipper businesses.

DC is to consider providing an update on the National Grid NTS' position for inclusion in the Workgroup Report.

It is intended to finalise the Workgroup Report at the December meeting.

4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

5.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

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

The next Workgroup meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup on Tuesday 18 December 2012, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	22/11/12	2.0	Draw the attention of the Charging Teams and DCMF to consider potential synergies and opportunities to synchronise elements of Modification 0428 and Modification 0418 to minimise implementation impacts on Shipper businesses.	SGN (EM)	Pending