

**UNC Workgroup 0437S Minutes  
Retention of MAM Id in Transporter Systems at Change of  
Shipper**

**Tuesday 18 December 2012**

**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
Andrew Wallace	(AW)	Ofgem
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Cemal Huseyin*	(CH)	Ofgem
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Collette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy

\* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0437/181212>

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

**1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting**

**1.1. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2. Actions**

**1101:** Provide scenarios and timelines for review/discussion purposes.

**Update:** DA provided a presentation with scenarios and consequences. The proposed change will be not to delete the MAM Id. **Complete.**

**2. Xoserve Presentation**

DA confirmed the topic had been discussed at the SPAA expert group where the current blank MAM Id report is provided. He explained that the current ROM costs do not include the ongoing costs of the process which would be in the region of £25,000.

GE believed the current system creates inefficiencies for Shippers having to spend time and money trying to establish the MAM. AJ challenged why the system was designed to delete MAM Ids in the first place and why was a UNC modification required to change a

SPAA process. AJ asked for clarification that the Blank MAM Ids missing at present wouldn't be populated as part of this modification, it would simply prevent the deletion of MAM Ids going forward.

DA confirmed the total population of Blank MAM Ids was around 235,000, of which around half had only been blank for about a month, and 123,000 had been blank for less than a week, which represents a significant churn.

DA agreed to provide an age profile of Blank MAM Ids for publication alongside the minutes.

### 3. Workgroup Report

DA confirmed that the ROM costs would need to be updated in relation to the reporting.

AW asked about the relevant objectives for the modification and the route being used to approve the apportionment of charges. It was noted by CW that the modification does not affect the UNC, however the modification had been raised for the justification of costs.

The Workgroup concluded the modification was a facilitating modification and was nothing more than a modification to allow the allocation of the Class 3 change costs. It was recognised that a change to SPAA was required, however it was questioned if the modification needed to demonstrate a benefit against the relevant objectives.

CW agreed to raise the concerns expressed about the governance of this change and how it is expected to demonstrate furthering the relevant objectives at the SPAA Executive Committee and UNC Panel.

The intention will be to conclude the Workgroup Report on Monday 07 January 2013 and ask the UNC Panel to accept the Workgroup Report at short notice.

### 4. Any Other Business

None raised.

### 5. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

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

Monday 07 January 2013, at 10:00, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

**Action Table**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	22/11/12	1.0	Provide scenarios and timelines for review/discussion purposes.	Xoserve (DA)	Complete