

UNC Workgroup 0451 Minutes Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters

Tuesday 03 December 2013

via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Graham Wood	(GW)	Centrica
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Jonathan Kiddle	(JK)	EDF Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE

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1.0 Introduction

BF provided a brief explanation behind the background to the meeting, before informing those present that Utilita (HCo) had already provided a Variation Request for consideration at the 19 December Panel meeting.

2.0 Legal text to enable either modification to be given full effect

In the absence of a Northern Gas Network (NGN) representative to explain the legal text, the Workgroup was unable to undertake a detailed review. However, during a brief discussion several anomalies within the text were identified when also reviewing the Variation Request. HC and HCo both felt that the continued inclusion of TPDE paragraph 6.9.3 was not in keeping with previous Workgroup discussions and should be pointed out to NGN to seek a view on its suitability. When asked, HC suggested that removing the paragraph would have little or no effect on the proposed costings. BF also pointed out that the square bracket's contained in the Transition document text would potentially be frowned upon.

Focusing on the date(s) contained in paragraph 8.1 of the Variation Request, HCo agreed to amend the VR to better reflect the views of Ofgem.¹

Action 0451 1201: Joint Office (BF/MB) to contact NGN and discuss the suggested changes to the legal text and request that a revised version is provided in time for consideration at the 09 December meeting.

3.0 Further clarity from Xoserve on its high level estimate of the implementation and operational costs of implementing either modification

HC opened by indicating that Xoserve have looked at their original high level estimate of circa £300 - £500k implementation cost and conclude that it is more likely to sit somewhere in the range of £250 - £350k. The operational costs are still expected to be in the region of £20k per month. When asked whether or not Xoserve could provide more clarity around the breakdown of the proposed costs, HC undertook a new action to consider providing a more detailed breakdown of the costing – both in terms of the one-off £250 - £350k implementation cost and the £20k / month operational cost.

¹ Post meeting note: utilita (HCo) provided an amended Variation Request on 03 December 2013 which was subsequently published on the Joint Office web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0451>

JD pointed out that the modification has been presented as an 'interim' pre Project Nexus modification and he therefore wondered whether or not there would be any potential Project Nexus related (allocation / reconciliation etc.) benefits or cross over impacts involved. HC responded by suggesting that at this time there do not seem to be any significant cross over impacts on Project Nexus related to the implementation of this modification, but did agree to undertake a new action to seek to identify any potential cross over (knock on) aspects between this modification and implementation of Project Nexus along with identification of any potential Project Nexus related benefits.

Action 0451 1202: Xoserve (HC) to consider providing a more detailed breakdown of the costing – both in terms of the one-off £250 - £350k implementation cost and the £20k / month operational cost.

Action 0451 1203: Xoserve (HC) to seek to identify any potential cross over (knock on) aspects between this modification and implementation of Project Nexus along with identification of any potential Project Nexus related benefits.

4.0 Revised Final Modification Report

BF explained that the intention would be to sign off the revised FMR, subject to provision of the information relating to the outstanding actions, at the 09 December meeting where hopefully an E.ON representative would also be in attendance to ensure that the 0451A aspects are given a fair airing.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning for Workgroup

The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled to be a teleconference meeting commencing at 10:00am on Monday 09 December 2013.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0451 1201	03/12/13	2.0	To contact NGN and discuss the suggested changes to the legal text and request that a revised version is provided in time for consideration at the 09 December meeting.	Joint Office (BF/MB)	Pending
0451 1202	03/12/13	2.0	To consider providing a more detailed breakdown of the costing – both in terms of the one-off £250 - £350k implementation cost and the £20k / month operational cost.	Xoserve (HC)	Pending
0451 1203	03/12/13	2.0	To seek to identify any potential cross over (knock on) aspects between this modification and implementation of Project Nexus along with identification of any potential Project Nexus related benefits.	Xoserve (HC)	Pending