

UNC Workgroup 0466 Minutes
Daily Meter Reading Simplification
Tuesday 10 December 2013
Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw*	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waterswye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Kirsten Elliot-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lesley Ferrando*	(LF)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Rob Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	First Utility
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
Sasha Pearce	(SP)	RWE npower

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0466/101213

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 March 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

Minutes accepted.

1.2. Actions

1101: Shippers/Suppliers to provide evidence of what they currently do with their DM Reads and what timelines are involved and whether or not these are process specific requirements for them.

Update: To be considered further. **Carried Forward**

2.0 Discussion

DA provided a presentation considering the current and potential process. CW explained the purpose of the modification, to allow the use of different equipment and bring the regime up to date to build in efficiencies.

GE highlighted that within Supplier licence 12 paragraphs 20 – 25 covers the ability to provide hourly data.

CB expressed concerned that this potential change was not discussed in Project Nexus and questioned the timing of changes for read submissions and impacts to settlement. She believed the modification went much further than simplifying the daily read submission.

CW explained that the modification considered the read timescales, performance and would enable the use of more varied and modern equipment. CW wished to work with Shippers to understand the challenges faced. He clarified that it is not intended to unbundle the Class 1 regime.

CW was keen to move forward and engage Shippers to continue to provide a service on more equitable grounds. He welcomed views from Shippers on what would and wouldn't work.

GE asked if there is opportunity for a provision/mechanism for reads earlier in the day rather than later in the day.

CW encouraged Shippers/Suppliers to provide evidence of what they currently do with their DM Reads and what timelines are involved and whether or not these are process specific requirements for them at the next meeting See Action 1101.

Action 1202: NTS to consider the impact of changed timings and any consequences of such a change for NTS.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

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

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

Thursday 23 January 2014, at 10:30 at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	08/11/13	2.0	To provide evidence of what they currently do with their DM Reads and what timelines are involved and whether or not these are process specific requirements for them.	Shippers/Suppliers	Carried Forward
1201	10/12/13	2.0	NTS to consider the impact of changed timings and any consequences of such a change for NTS	National Grid NTS (BV)	Pending