

UNC Workgroup 0466 Minutes Daily Meter Reading Simplification

Thursday 22 May 2014

ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter*	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 June 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The Minutes were accepted.

1.2. Actions

None outstanding.

2.0 Amended Modification

AR explained the revisions made.

3.0 Legal Text

The legal text was reviewed.

RJ raised concerns regarding the provision of within day data being optional (the chargeable aspect was not of concern), and would like to see a more robust method than recognition by email, and suggested via the Information Exchange (IX). The significance of this concern regarding optionality of provision of data was such that RJ would seriously consider raising an alternative modification to address this aspect. GE referred to an

upcoming Licence obligation on parties to provide that data, which was giving rise to the ‘optional’ aspect – “... at their discretion” - of the provision by Transporters under this modification. Shippers saw this as a problem as they would be obligated to provide it but Transporters could prevent them fulfilling this obligation by having the option to provide or not. CW observed that UNC obligations were not to be taken as a proxy to support other parties’ different Licence obligations. The DM service was there to fulfil a code obligation.

GE also raised a concern regarding access to the pulse (port connections/pulse failures). AR believed this was a different aspect, to be explored with a service provider.

The concerns were discussed. GE would like to see words to the effect that the Transporter would provide on reasonable terms and in a timely manner. SM asked for reconsideration of the word “discretion” (UNC TPD M4.6.1). AR indicated there might have to be an element of discretion as additional equipment may have to be fitted. If the Transporters had the capability to provide the information they would do so. SM reiterated that additional data was quite important in terms of the Licence obligation and Shippers need assurance that it will be provided as far as it can be. GE explained the obligations and related costs – there was control over costs, but no control over being allowed to refuse to provide. SM suggested wording along the lines of providing to a reasonable endeavours test and on the basis of commercial rates would be more acceptable than ‘discretion’.

AR understood the concerns raised and will reconsider what revisions can be made to the text (what level of service/reasonable endeavours) and the question of the pulse access/service provider feasibility and, if appropriate, provide an amended modification and legal text for review at the next meeting.

New Action 0501 – AR to consider amending the modification for the provision of meter reads on a reasonable endeavours basis or if not what alternatives are available such as pulse splitting.

4.0 Workgroup Report

The Workgroup will aim to review and conclude its Report at the next meeting on 06 June 2014.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning

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

The next meeting will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on Friday 06 June 2014, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0501	22/05/14	3.0	AR to consider amending the modification for the provision of meter reads on a reasonable endeavours basis or if not what alternatives are available such as pulse splitting.	National Grid Distribution (AR)	Pending

