

UNC Workgroup 0466/0466A Minutes
Daily Meter Reading Simplification
Thursday 28 August 2014
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Darren Healey	(DH)	First Utility
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waterswye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Ian Hollington	(IH)	Joint Office
Kirsten Elliott-Smith*	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Mark Amos	(MA)	National Grid NTS
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Richard Vernon	(RV)	RWE Npower
Rob Johnson*	(RJ)	Wingas
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0466/280814>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 October 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

Approved.

1.2. Actions

0701: *Modification 0466A* - Xoserve to provide a view on potentially acceptable service/performance levels in relation to the proposed use of the IX for within day data communications.

Update: DA confirmed that within the legal text for Modification 0466A there is a reference to a bilateral contract for the provision of within day reads. He explained the use of IX to potentially provide such reads. DA advised that currently there is a 2 day SLA for IX communications and this would not support the provision of within day reads. **Complete**

2.0 Workgroup Report

The Workgroup considered the system volumes constraints and post Nexus SLAs.

CB enquired about sites going through the AQ review and the snapshot for rolling AQs, she asked for clarity if the AQ values and Transportation Charges needed to be picked up and loaded. DA believed this specific clarification may not be necessary for this particular modification but agreed to ensure this was picked up through PNUNC. It was agreed to raise an action within the Project Nexus Workgroup for PNUNC to consider and provide a response.

AM asked about the improved expectation on data quality. RJ explained that the alternate modification had been raised to improve data provision and was not aimed at improving data quality or accuracy. CW reiterated his view that there should not be an obligation on Transporters within the UNC to dispense a Supplier obligation.

The levels of the liability regime were discussed and how the process for each level would be applied. CW explained that the liabilities would increase/decrease one level at a time based on the performance standard met. That said, liabilities increase quicker than they decrease.

2.1. Review of Impacts and Costs

The Workgroup considered the User Pays element of both modifications.

DA explained the cost of configuring nodes on the IX and file structure separation. DA suggested the cost of setting up the nodes on the IX would cost in the region of £1000 per User. CW explained that the way the modification is currently written the Transporters would provide the data automatically upon implementation and therefore each User would be required to take the service. GE confirmed the intent of the modification was to provide the data on request and not automatically and not necessarily within day.

GE challenged the targeting of costs. He explained that it was not intended to create a mandatory service; the aim was to design and provide a commercial service where it was required/requested.

DA explained that there are currently 50 portfolio Shippers some of which may not have DM sites within their portfolio.

GE summarised Licence Condition 12 and the requirements to provide daily meter reads and to make available information on energy billing and historical consumption to consumers should they request it.

CW suggested the supplier builds up the data/information over the period of supply, which can then be requested by the consumer.

The Workgroup considered the obligation to store within-day data. It was clarified that the Transporters do not now and would not in future build up a repository of historical data. The Transporters would on receipt of a request for within-day data would pass this on to the Shipper to enable them to build up of historical data on the day the read is taken. It was believed further clarification was required within the modification and that the legal text would also need to be amended to reflect this.

The view in the Workgroup is that there should only be User Pays cost for parties that elect to use the service.

DA explained that for Modification 0466 UK Link central systems would need a change to batch timings, this would require a Class 2 change and would also be required for Modification 0466A. There was no intention to apply a user pays charge. In addition, Modification 0466A requires a change to the IX nodes. In terms of UK Link Modification 0466A this is a non UK Link flow and does not require a UK Link Change request.

3.0 Next Steps

The Workgroup considered the draft Workgroup Report.

The aspiration will be for the Workgroup Report to be concluded following further clarity to Modification 0466A and updated legal text. The intention will be to submit the report to the October UNC Panel.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 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:

Thursday 25 September at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	24/07/14	3.	Modification 0466A - Xoserve to provide a view on potentially acceptable service/performance levels in relation to the proposed use of the IX for within day data communications.	Xoserve (DA)	Complete