

**UNC Workgroup 0472 Minutes**  
**Restricting the number of registration attempts by a supplier**  
**Friday 06 June 2014**  
**at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Ami Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
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
Elly Laurence*	(EL)	EDF Energy
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Maria Hesketh	(MH)	ScottishPower
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Tahera Choudhury	(TC)	Xoserve
Thora Gram	(TG)	Statoil

\* *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 approved.

**1.2 Actions**

**0501:** Xoserve to consider if the objection statistics could be broken down further between domestic and I&C customers.

**Update:** HCh explained that the action would be covered off during consideration of the 'Objection Statistics' presentation under item 2.1 below. **Closed**

**0502:** Xoserve to confirm if any objections were processed for the 1.62m successful confirmations.

**Update:** HCh explained that the action would be covered off during consideration of the 'Objection Statistics' presentation under item 2.1 below. **Closed**

**2.0 Discussion**

## 2.1 UNC Modification 0472 – Objection Statistics presentation

Opening, HCh explained that the presentation had been prepared in response to the two actions (0501 & 0502) assigned to Xoserve at the 07 May meeting.

When asked what the 1.62 million successful confirmations actually relate to, HCh reiterated that these refer to a previous dataset discussion and confirmed that she would look to provide a figure for the total number of objections compared to resolutions in due course. DA pointed out that the analysis appears to suggest that the April / October peaks are not as large as first suspected – a conclusion drawn by all those present.

In considering the 'Frequency of Objection Cycles' slide, BF enquired whether or not Xoserve would be able to identify individual parties from the data, to which HCh responded by suggesting that this would in reality, be extremely difficult to achieve, as the modification envisages a different type of (manually based) service provision. DA went on to add that the service would be offered based on a Shipper's Short Code (as defined within the modification).

## 2.2 Initial Response to Change Analysis Request for UNC Modification 0472

During a quick onscreen review, HCh advised that the document had only recently been published and in referring to the 'High Level Cost Estimate and Timescales' table on page 3, explained that Option 1 reflects what is essentially the recently amended modification (v5.0, dated 03 June 2014).

HCh provided a brief explanation behind the two possible options.

## 2.3 Amended Modification 0472 overview

EH undertook a brief onscreen review of the recent amendments to the modification (v5.0, dated 03 June 2014) focusing attention on the changes to Section 3 – Solution.

CW advised that the main business rule(s) change(s) is/are to state 3 calendar months and indicated that the legal text would now be prepared around the first four bullet points, which should hopefully, be a relatively simple exercise which will commence shortly.

During discussion, parties debated what the minimum timescales would possibly be to go beyond the proposed 5 registration attempts, to which HCh suggested that this falls under the auspices of the existing Call Service arrangements, and is therefore defined within the ACS. When considering whether or not the modification should be amended to make this clearer, CW indicated that in his view this is not necessary as the modification is simply a 'permissions' style modification, especially as he expects that the accompanying legal text would 'cover off' the issue.

DA then provided a brief explanation around the minimum/maximum confirmation (lead time) related timelines on a flipchart explaining that in a worst case scenario this could equate to a maximum of 90 (5x18) business days elapsing – this then possibly brings into question the proposed 3 month period, as in theory confirmations could timeout. When asked where the proposed 3 month period originated from, HCh advised that it was from the 5 and 6 data for the number of objections within cycle analysis. EH confirmed that he is not expecting to amend the modification in respect of the aforementioned anomalies.

DA went on to advise that the modification would require an accompanying ACS change as it is proposing to change the current 3 items per call per User to a single item per call – reference paragraph 2.1.3(a) in the Service Schedule for the provision of non Code services.

CW pointed out that currently the relevant objectives table incorrectly shows c) as being 'Positive' and should now read as 'None' to reflect the recent round of amendments.

Parties briefly discussed whether or not the Workgroup Report should request that the Panel considers assigning the (de-scoped) modification Self-Governance status – the consensus being yes. Furthermore, those present believed that there was benefit in

asking the June Panel to formally request preparation of the legal text, so that it might be provided in time for consideration at the 26 June Distribution Workgroup meeting whereupon the Workgroup Report could be completed.

### 3.0 Any Other Business

None.

### 4.0 Diary Planning

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

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

Thursday 26 June 2014 at Energy Network Association, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF and Monday 07 July 2014 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

**Action Table**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0501	07/05/14	2.0	Xoserve to consider if the objection statistics could be broken down further between domestic and I&C customers.	Xoserve (HCh)	Update provided. <b>Closed</b>
0502	07/05/14	2.0	Xoserve to confirm if any objections were processed for the 1.62m successful confirmations.	Xoserve (HCh)	Update provided. <b>Closed</b>