

UNC Workgroup 0472 Minutes
Restricting the number of registration attempts by a supplier
Tuesday 11 March 2014
31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw*	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell*	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	utilita
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Marie Clark*	(MC)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 April 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions**1.1 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Actions

None outstanding.

2.0 Business Rules

EH confirmed a set of business rules had been provided for discussion.

SM enquired about the count of confirmation attempts if this would be confined to a specific period. EH suggested this would be to the end of the contract period for that particular customer.

MC asked about the management of confirmations from the same Shipper with a different Supplier ID. EH clarified where there is a change of Supplier but not a change to the Shipper, these confirmations would not be constrained as in theory these should only involve the confirmation process as there is no objection process. SM expressed concern that this would create an inequitable position, restricting a Change of Shipper but not restricting a Change of Supplier where the Shipper remains the same. Concern was expressed that the modification appears to be attempting to resolve a Supplier to Supplier issue through a Shipper to Shipper process.

CW explained the driver of the modification is to remove the inconvenience of repeated confirmation attempts.

AM asked if the RWE npower could consider the changes within the electricity market to ensure changes within the gas and electricity markets are aligned. SM was not sure how this could be mirrored, as there is no concept of a Shipper in electricity.

EH agreed to incorporate the business rules within the modification.

The Workgroup agreed to request a further month's extension for the Workgroup Report.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 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:

Tuesday 08 April 2014 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT