

**UNC Workgroup 0487S Minutes  
Introduction of Advanced Meter Indicator and Advanced Meter  
Reader (AMR) Service Provider Identifier  
Monday 07 July 2014  
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	First Utility
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	RWE npower
Ian Hollington	(IH)	Joint Office
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Steve Mulingane*	(SM)	Gazprom

\* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0487/070714>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 August 2014.

**1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions**

**1.1. Minutes**

The minutes were accepted.

**1.2. Actions**

None outstanding.

**2.0 Workgroup Report**

DA was awaiting confirmation on the alignment of the proposed Option B and Project Nexus from the Project Nexus Team. DA envisaged significant changes to UK Link file formats and supplier SPA systems and wished to avoid changing systems prior to UK Link Change Programme for this to be changed again. DA was keen to seek clarification on the alignment of the changes required. However, he believed the costs would remain as previously communicated and he did not anticipate further costs impact changes in relation to the UK Link Change Programme.

DA confirmed that the SPAA CP Change for Option B had not been raised and that there has been considerable debate with regards to the change through SPAA. The SPAA Change will be very specific on the solution. He believed from the discussions held there was not universal approval from SPAA on the proposed solution.

DA summarised the concerns raised by SPAA in relation to contractual relationships and the possibility that more than one AMR provider could be on site and meter mechanism information could be overwritten by the provision. He recognised that Option B may not

cover every possible scenario and a second modification may need to be considered to address the issues Option B does not cover. It was understood Option B was a pragmatic solution that allowed implementation fairly quickly.

SM was keen to progress with Option B and to submit to modification for industry consultation. He was also concerned that SPAA appeared to be interfering with the UNC governance process and this proposed solution.

SM enquired about the timelines. DA confirmed that Xoserve are assessing the implementation timescales and the view was implementation is achievable in less than 12 months.

The Workgroup agreed that the formal legal text should be requested with the aim of completing the Workgroup Report on 24 July.

**1.3. Next Steps**

BF summarised that:

- Legal Text would be formally requested at the July UNC Panel
- DA would raise a SPAA CP against Option B

**3.0 Diary Planning**

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

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

Thursday 24 July 2014 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Friday 15 August 2014 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

**Action Table**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update