

**UNC Workgroup 0487S Minutes  
Introduction of Advanced Meter Indicator and Advanced Meter  
Reader (AMR) Service Provider Identifier  
Friday 15 August 2014  
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Ian Hollington (Secretary)	(IH)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(ACI)	National Grid Distribution
Azeem Khan	(AZ)	RWE npower
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Eleanor Laurence*	(EL)	EDF Energy
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

\* via teleconference

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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**

BF advised that the revised modification had been received and SM explained the changes that had been made. This concerned the implementation of a pre and post Nexus solution. He asked whether based on this, if the workgroup would prefer the modification to be split into two separate submissions.

AC asked how long it would take for the transitional (pre Nexus) solution to be implemented and DA advised that he expected it would take three months.

EL voiced her concerns that the process for this change was not being followed correctly which she felt would result in it being rejected – this is because the SPAA changes were being processed before the UNC process was sufficiently developed to give some certainty that the SPAA change was required. DA replied that SPAA approval could be obtained first in order to prevent a vicious circle of “no one wanting to go first” forming. To assist with this DA offered to provide a communication explaining the solutions being proposed.

AC asked about the impact of waiting for SPAA approval. DA replied that deferring the modification for a month was not a concern.

ARS asked for clarification of the trigger and the time limit for installing the new equipment. SM agreed to include this in the text in the original modification and if it was appropriate to use the same in the new submission also.

BF suggested that if the modification needed to go to consultation as soon as possible, it would be preferable if the interim solution was progressed first and then the post Nexus solution could be raised a progressed without any time constraints. A view that everyone agreed with.

SM asked if the revised modification would be accepted by Panel at the meeting on 21 August if it was submitted today. BF replied that it was not a certainty however, if it was accompanied by an explanatory note it was a possibility should Short Notice be requested.

#### **2.1. Amended Notification Consideration of Legal Text**

This item was not discussed

#### **2.2. Review of Impacts and costs**

Other than the proposed strategy of submitting the revised modification to the August panel meeting this item was not discussed.

#### **2.3. Consideration of Legal Text**

This item was not discussed

#### **2.4. Completion of Workgroup Report**

BF advised that as the Panel had requested a report by 21 August meeting, an interim report requesting a time extension would be requested.

### **3.0 Next Steps**

BF summarised these as:

The proposer is to separate the modification into two parts, one dealing with the initial pre nexus solution and one to deal with the more enduring long term post nexus solution

Submitting the new modification to Panel on 21 August

ARS to provide the legal text for the existing modification with the text for the new modification probably best also being prepared by Northern Gas Networks to ensure consistency.

#### **4.0 Any Other Business**

There was no other business

#### **5.0 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 28 August 2014 at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Thursday 25 September 2014 at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT