

UNC Workgroup 0487S Minutes
Introduction of Advanced Meter Indicator and Advanced Meter
Reader (AMR) Service Provider Identifier
Thursday 24 July 2014
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Darren Lond	(DL)	National Grid NTS
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Eleanor Laurence*	(EL)	EDF Energy
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Ian Hollington	(IH)	Joint Office
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
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

DA reported that a SPAA change had been raised internally by Xoserve and details would be provided in the Change Pack to be issued shortly. Option B will be progressed and monitored through the SPAA process.

SM confirmed that Option B would be included in the Solution and the modification will be revised accordingly. Its progress through SPAA will be monitored, as the Solution should be applied as it is; if changes occur within that process then a different modification may be needed. DA believed the likelihood of any mutation to be very slim. AM observed that he saw the current proposal as an improvement; an enduring solution was required and

should be developed for inclusion post Nexus. It was suggested that any parties present with SPAA representatives should clearly explain to their representatives that Modification 0487 Option B is a pragmatic solution for present circumstances and should be supported, and that later development will be required post Nexus. AM indicated that British Gas if necessary could sponsor an enduring solution afterwards.

There was a brief discussion of how enduring arrangements post Nexus might be facilitated through UK Link Committee once requirements had been agreed. DA explained that Xoserve was looking at data models and these would probably be consistent with Option C; it was acknowledged that the current option was a 'quick fix solution' because of Xoserve's present position.

There were questions on where the obligations would sit and which parties will update the data required for Option B. DA explained the SPAA changes and data flows between parties. SM reiterated that modification was concerned with Shipper flows/transactions and not concerned with SPAA systems/processes.

SM had received comments that the responsibilities of various parties required greater clarification and he would seek to revise the modification to make these more explicit.

DA confirmed he had raised an internal change to establish how quickly legacy systems can be adjusted; he believed it would be relatively simple and expected a response in the next week. DA briefly explained how changes can be made via the UK Link route and how this would be resourced if implementation were agreed.

SM asked for views on whether the modification should refer to any 'clean up' exercise on legacy assets; should it be done on churn or as a specific exercise. This was discussed. It was suggested this was probably a Shipper obligation with a timeframe attached. It was a new requirement and so may need thought as to what principle may apply to the data item. It was considered prudent to include an obligation in the modification and some indication of what activity must be followed regarding a specific requirement to update, with an expectation of doing it 'as soon as reasonably practicable'. SM noted these suggestions for consideration regarding inclusion in the modification.

2.1. Consideration of Legal Text

The July UNC Modification Panel had formally requested Northern Gas Networks to provide the legal text.

CW referred to TPD Section M3.2.18 and it was suggested that an addition needed to be made to the list. ARS noted this for consideration.

BF reminded that the Workgroup should review the legal text before completing its Report.

2.2. Completion of Workgroup Report

BF reminded that the Workgroup Report was due for submission to the August UNC Modification Panel. Given the time constraints within the process, it was agreed that the UNC Modification Panel would be asked to consider the Workgroup's Report at short notice following its completion at 15 August meeting.

DA pointed out that the Workgroup would need to consider and discuss the apportionment of costs; both LSP and SSP with an I&C flag might be in scope. SM will consider and revise the User Pays section of the Solution.

Next Steps

With a view to completing the Workgroup Report at the next meeting:

- The modification will be revised to take account of today's discussions.

- The legal text will be provided for the Workgroup's review.
- A high level cost estimate will be provided for inclusion in the Workgroup's Report, together with the proposed apportionment.

3.0 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 Friday 15 August 2014 at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
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