UNC Workgroup 0514 Minutes Extending the Daily Metered 'voluntary' service to Project Nexus Implementation Date plus six months

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

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	First Utility
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilites
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

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Copies of all papers are available at: http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0514/240914

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 January 2016.

1.0 Outline of Modification

CB questioned the referral of Modification 0514 to the Distribution Workgroup when Modification 0515 had been referred to the Project Nexus Workgroup. CW explained that some members of the UNC Panel believed that there would be benefit reviewing Modification 0514 at the Distribution Workgroup.

CW explained as a consequence of discussing Project Nexus transitional issues with Xoserve a number of required modifications are being identified. More modifications are anticipated following the identification of issues.

CW explained that a number of minimum requirements have been identified to enable an orderly transition of DMV sites to the new classifications, with minimum disruption to the consumer. To trigger the transfer, DMV sites need to close down and move to one of the new classifications. In the absence of an instruction these will be defaulted as class 4 however it has been identified that a Shipper may wish to select class 2.

DA explained that until Project Nexus 'go live' the new classification will not exist. This modification would allow a transfer without forcing sites to be classified as NDM until the new classifications are available.

It was recognised that DM contracted customers need to have an interrupted service.

RP suggested there are two ways this change could be addressed; either cut over before Project Nexus by utilising the DME status or cut over later. However he expressed some concern that if a modification is accepted to extend the cut-over for DME for six months this could establish a principal of further extensions.

DA explained after six months from the Project Nexus 'go live' Xoserve will step in and start to schedule the reclassification of DMV sites not transferred or not due to transfer by 01 April 2016. DA sought views about the timing of Xoserve forced reclassifications and at what point Xoserve should step in. He expressed come concern about blocking a Shipper reclassification if an Xoserve reclassification had been submitted.

CW agreed to reconsider the concerns raised and amend the modification to provide further clarity.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Initial Representations

None received.

2.2. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

3.0 Next Steps

It was recommended by the Distribution Workgroup that the Project Nexus Workgroup further consider this modification.

National Grid agreed to add further clarity to the modification and draft Legal Text for the 04 November Nexus meeting with an aim to conclude the Workgroup Report on 04 November 2014.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

The next Workgroup meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 04 November 2014, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update