

UNC Workgroup 0526 Minutes
Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier
Friday 04 March 2016
via teleconference

Attendees

Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Brown	(DB)	Wales & West Utilities
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Scotia Gas Networks
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Murray Thomson	(MT)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales and West Utilities
Shiv Singh	(SS)	National Grid Distribution
Tom Chevalier	(TC)	Association of Meter Operators

* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 March 2016.

1.0 Review of Minutes (25 February 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

CB provided a brief update on the most recent round of changes made to the modification that primarily seeks to provide additional clarity whilst specifically excluding any reference to supply points connected to the NTS. An additional subtle change includes the provision for MPRN's where no meter is attached. CB then went on to explain that the twin portfolio file (referred to as File 1 and File 2 in Section 3 – Solution) based approach was landed on following discussions between Xoserve, Transporters, MAMS and the proposer.

Moving on to focus attention on the draft Workgroup Report, BF made some online changes in response to discussion points/concerns raised by the meeting participants. The main focus of discussion centred around items such as the an apparent lack of information appertaining to any costs associated with abortive site visits, whether or not there is any real value in retaining the 'File 2' option, especially baring in mind some of the concerns raised around the informal 90 day time limit associated with GT1 process, where parties are requested to submit an additional request after this time.

Some parties were of the view that the File 2 data could / would grow in size over time.

It was also noted that the inclusion of the 'Unknown' post code level bullet is included to avoid concerns voiced at previous Workgroup meetings. DB provided a brief update on the Wales & West Utilities Meter Point I.D. provisions.

There was no clear consensus on whether there was value in including the cost analysis presented at the January Workgroup meeting within an amended modification as some parties believe that any concerns had been resolved as Transporters were not expected to visit outstanding sites within a short period of time following implementation.

In pointing out that information is now expected to be published by Xoserve on the Sharepoint portal, rather than the Xoserve.com web site, DA also suggested that it remains unclear whether or not a formal modification is needed (*in preference to an offline manual information provision workaround i.e. 'a Gentleman's Agreement', as previously discussed by the industry*) to resolve these concerns.

When asked whether any data provision could be provided ahead of progressing the modification further, the Transporter representatives in attendance suggested that this would be possible.

In considering whether or not the modification qualifies for self-governance status, BF advised that the Workgroup would consider this in more detail in due course and before making a recommendation to Panel.

Concluding discussions, two new actions were placed against the Proposer and Northern Gas Networks, as follows:

New Action 0526 0301: E.ON (CB) to consider providing an amended modification based on the discussion points / concerns raised by the Workgroup.

New Action 0526 0302: Northern Gas Networks (ARS) to discuss with his lawyers whether or not it would be possible to provide legal text based on the proposed two file approach, and to thereafter provide a view to the Workgroup on possible areas of contention.

3.0 Review of Outstanding Action

There were no outstanding actions to consider.

4.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that an interim Workgroup Report would now be submitted to the March Panel, seeking an extension through to April / May 2016. Additionally, a request for Panel to request formal legal text would also be made at the March meeting.

5.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10.00am Thursday 24 March 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3LT.	Consideration of amended modification Consideration of legal text Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table (04 March 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	04/03/16	2.0	To consider providing an amended modification based on the discussion points / concerns raised by the Workgroup.	E.ON (CB)	Pending
0302	04/03/16	2.0	To discuss with his lawyers whether or not it would be possible to provide legal text based on the proposed two file approach, and to thereafter provide a view to the Workgroup on possible areas of contention.	Northern Gas Networks (ARS)	Pending