

UNC Workgroup 0526 Minutes
Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier
Thursday 26 November 2015
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Attendees

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 January 2016.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Action(s)

1.1 Approval of Minutes (22 October 2015)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 Action(s)

0201: Xoserve (DA) to look to provide clarity around possible solutions and a high level view on potential costs (i.e. set out requirements and define possible solutions).

Update: DM explained that discussions have taken place. The work done so far suggests that parties should be able to get service pressure tier information for about 85% of sites by matching postcodes. The remaining 15% may involve more work, particularly post codes containing multiple pressure tiers. See item 2.0. **Carried forward**

2.0 Workgroup Discussion

CB confirmed a meeting had been held with the Transporters and MAMs. CB recognised there was an assumption that this modification had been raised to meet the needs of MAMs. She clarified that MAMs are not the only organisation that may find this information useful.

DA clarified further to the action update provided that there needs to be further exploration on whether a modification is required and what governance would be needed – should the process sit under SPAA for example. CB also suggested further consideration needs to be given around a query process, to address any anomalies.

CB believed that the modification would need to be updated to provide business rules for the 85% of sites that can be matched and to ensure there is an obligation in the UNC so that the remaining 15% can be matched.

RP enquired if the process could be managed more easily through SPAA as it was a supplier relationship. DA had initially anticipated this requirement would be managed through a SPAA type change and had made the assumption that the MAMs had been pushing the change and that SPAA would be the appropriate route.

CB suggested that the data required could be released on the Xoserve secure area website page. However, DA explained providing Supplier access to the secure area would need to be examined.

The Workgroup considered the scope of the modification process and the interconnections with Suppliers, UIPs, MAMs and the GT1 process. RP confirmed that the GT1 process only confirms that the service is capable of providing gas at a particular pressure, it does not warrant that the capacity is available as it not a siteworks process.

CB explained that the modification is not just about the provision of postcodes and general pressure tier information; it's about the provision of pressure tier information at the MPRN/ECV level.

It was suggested that a SPAA change request could be raised, however for MPRN pressure level information the proposer felt it might be better to pursue this through the UNC.

CB explained that the solution would be for the central systems to be updated with the pressure tier information to allow the provision of this information at the point of registration rather than using the GT1 process. CB explained that there would be a longer-term fix required to provide the pressure tier at MPRN level and if a short-term fix can provide certain information through SPAA, this was helpful but not the end goal. CB agreed to consider the options and provide some draft business rules for the modification.

SM suggested a cost benefit analysis should also be assessed by the Workgroup. He was particularly keen to understand the cost of changing systems for the remaining 15% of sites, and whether the cost of changing systems would outweigh the benefits. DA suggested a high level estimate could be provided.

CW suggested that SPAA files formats would need to be changed to include the pressure tier, and to provide the change file flows for the change of supplier process.

RP suggested for the higher-pressure tiers (I&C sites) some site surveys would be needed to be able to identify the specific site arrangements. He also asked the proposer to note that the pressure at the ECV may be lower than the mains pressure due to mid point pressure reduction on the service pipe.

The Workgroup considered whether the information could be provided as a look-up enquiry on a data file rather than simply providing the data through the change of supplier process. DA envisaged that the provision of data through the data enquiry service would be easier than the provision of files through the change of supplier process.

CB suggested the data enquiry service costs should be first understood as a viable solution.

ML suggested the Workgroup might also wish to consider the potential cost savings of aborted visits.

Action 1101: Xoserve to provide a High Level Cost Estimate on option of provided data via the Data Enquiry Service.

CB clarified a further teleconference would be held with Transporters and MAMs on 17th December.

3.0 Next Steps

Further consideration by the Workgroup on the solution option(s).

The Workgroup considered whether an extension might be required to allow further time for Workgroup Assessment and the consideration of the legal text.

4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

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
Tuesday 22 December 2015	Energy Networks Association, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	Consideration of solution option(s) and business rules

Action Table (26 November 2015)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0201	26/02/15	2.0	To look to provide clarity around possible solutions and a high level view on potential costs (i.e. set out requirements and define possible solutions).	Xoserve (DA)	Carried forward
1101	26/11/15	2.0	Xoserve to provide a High Level Cost Estimate on option of provided data via the Data Enquiry Service.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending