

**UNC Workgroup 0526 Minutes**  
**Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier**  
**Thursday 28 January 2016**  
**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
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Angela Love*	(AL)	ScottishPower
Carl Whitehouse	(CWh)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Gavin Anderson*	(GA)	EDF Energy
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
John Welch	(JW)	RWE npower
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	RWE npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Matt Jackson	(MJa)	British Gas
Mike Bagnall	(MB)	British Gas
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Plus Shipping
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy*	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Robert Wigginton	(RW)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

\* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0526/280116>

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

**1.0 Review of Minutes (22 December 2015)**

The minutes were approved.

**2.0 Consideration of the Solution Option(s) and associated costs/benefits**

Responding to Action 1201, AC gave a presentation on a proposed interim solution, explaining the assumptions made and the resulting figures relating to the percentage of data available across the individual Networks (there were slight differences between Networks). This was a 'first cut' and work was still continuing, testing different models to increase the information that could be provided. Wales & West Utilities had provided

some ECV pressure tier examples, and AC outlined the key points, noting that without actual site visits information cannot be properly verified.

AC pointed out that the position had moved forward from the previous level of 85%, and the expectation at postcode level was likely to be in the mid-90s. The quantity of data at MPRN level remained the concern - it was very difficult to extract. Referring to the number of MPRNs (under NGD) requiring further investigation, AC confirmed that all will need a site visit and will require additional desktop work.

Responding to a question on the cost (c £18.6m) of providing the pressure tier for the remaining properties, AC confirmed that it was based on costs of site visits and desk top work; he did not believe at this time that this work would be tendered out. AL asked that DNOs do not discount this option as it may reduce the associated site visit costs.

CB then reported on a recent teleconference where the focus had been on potential Data Protection concerns relating to the provision of the information. HC gave a brief overview of how those concerns might be addressed. CB asked for confirmation that this was not a one off exercise and that any found or new sites would be added to the data so that the population is maintained and errors did not continue to build. HC advised that every Quarter there would be an entire refresh and any new items would be added.

DM asked how many MAMs had expressed an interest in getting the data; CB had not spoken to the MAMs. DM asked how were the MAMs operating now without the data - were there any multi-skilled teams now?

SM observed it would be useful to know the Medium Pressure areas to better support Smart meter rollout and to enable parties to get the most appropriate MAM with the right qualifications/skills to do the work. He welcomed the improvement in position, having circa 95% data is much better as this left only a 5% uncertainty to address; the reduction in workload for both DNOs, MAMs and Suppliers was appreciated.

BF commented that the benefit case should balance the costs of DNOs visiting the addition 5% or so of sites to get 100% coverage against the 20k to 25k of potential MAM abortive visits.

RP commented that it would not reduce all the problems - there will always be a variety of on site problems that would be encountered that could cause a job to be aborted - and this was recognised by all parties. CB believed this level of data would give a much higher degree of confidence in getting a pragmatic and positive approach.

ARS confirmed the data would be available/released once the DNs had completed population of the spreadsheet.

### **3.0 Development of Workgroup Report**

Deferred until an appropriate Solution has been identified.

### **4.0 Review of Outstanding Actions**

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

**Update:** To be carried forward. **Carried forward**

**1201:** *Providing information at post code level* - Prior to the next meeting (28 January 2016) DNs and Xoserve to assess/establish:

- a) What proportion/percentage of the 15% could be achieved through a 'Desk Top' exercise, and at what cost;
- b) What additional proportion/percentage of the 15% could be achieved by making Site Visits, and at what cost; and
- c) What would be the estimated cost to obtain 100% coverage of data at post code level.

**Update:** See discussions at 2.0, above. **Closed**

## 5.0 Next Steps

CB confirmed that she would review the modification and talk to the MAMs, and then decide whether or not to progress the modification further.

## 6.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
Thursday 25 February 2016	Energy UK, Charles House, 5-11 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR	<i>Amended modification (tbc)</i> <i>Development of Workgroup Report (tbc)</i>

Action Table (28 January 2016)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
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)	<b>Carried forward</b>
1201	22/12/15	2.0	<p><i>Providing information at post code level - Prior to the next meeting (28 January 2016) DNs and Xoserve to assess/establish:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) what proportion/ percentage of the 15% could be achieved through a 'Desk Top' exercise, and at what cost;</li> <li>b) what additional proportion/ percentage of the 15% could be achieved by making Site Visits, and at what cost;</li> <li>c) what would be the estimated cost to obtain 100% coverage of data at post code level.</li> </ul>	DNs and Xoserve	<b>Closed</b>