

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 26 March 2015

at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Davies	(GD)	National Grid NTS
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Xoserve
Karen Visgarda	(KV)	Joint Office
Kirandeep Samra	(KS)	Npower
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Lyndon	(ML)	National Grid NTS
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Opening the meeting, BF provided a brief explanation around the recent Xoserve communication relating to down scoping, which has a direct bearing on agenda item 4.1.

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

DX0201: Reference Modification 0428 User Pays costs - Xoserve (DA) to look to provide an indication of the User Pays costs (comprising a fixed element for initial reporting and setting up) and potential service take up numbers.

Update: HC apologised and explained that two late documents had been provided to the Joint Office immediately prior to the meeting (a High Level Cost estimate (HLC) and a Agency Charging Statement (ACS)). An onscreen review of both documents took place as follows:

High Level Cost estimate

Whilst considering the background to the various statements within the document, SM questioned why the operational indicative costs would be set at MPRN level. In confirming that this is correct, HC advised that this reflects where the ACS 'kicks in' and that Xoserve also believe that this is consistent with the intent of the (Modification 0428). The rationale behind charging at an MPRN level is to avoid multiple creations at a Supply Point level on the system.

When asked whether or not independent Suppliers might be able to avail themselves of the service provision through their Shipper prior to the 'drop dead date' as they may not have the resources to manage the process themselves. HC

confirmed that whilst they could, it would be subject to the appropriate lead times. DA pointed out that, as the modification stipulates a July start date any early adopters need to be in discussion with the Transporters as soon as possible.

Agency Charging Statement

During a brief review of the ACS, SM and MJ both confirmed that the two documents were extremely helpful.

HC pointed out that the ACS would be sent to Ofgem in due course and that Ofgem then have 28 business days to disapprove. She requested that parties provide feedback and subject to no adverse responses, Xoserve would look to issue the ACS to Ofgem by 17 April 2015. **Closed**

DX0202: Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs - Xoserve (DA) to clarify discussions around how readings should be provided (i.e. estimated read provisions etc.), as undertaken within other forum (i.e. PN Workgroup & UKLC).

Update: In requesting that the action be carried forward, DA asked parties to highlight any concerns that they might have relating to this matter back to Xoserve. He also added that he is expecting to discuss this with the iGTs in due course.

Carried Forward

DX0203: Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs – All parties to consider requirements and provide feedback.

Update: As per the discussion on action DX0202 above. **Carried Forward**

1.3. Modification(s) with Ofgem

Whilst no specific update was provided, BF pointed out that UNC Modifications 0445 and 0466/0466AV are currently with Ofgem awaiting a decision and it is hoped that the decision relating to 0466/0466AV would be provided before Easter.

1.4. Pre-Modification discussions

There were no pre-modification discussions at today's meeting.

2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1. 0509 – Permission to release Protected Information to an Authorised Third Party for Performance Assurance settlement risk analysis

(Report to Panel 18 June 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0509

2.2. 0518S – Shipper Verification of meter and address details following system meter removals

(Report to Panel 18 June 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0518

2.3. 0522 (0479A) - Inclusion of email as a valid UNC communication

(Report to Panel 16 July 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0522

2.4. 0523S – Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of 'faster switching' for Shared Supply Meter Points

(Report to Panel 21 May 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0523

3. Issues

3.1. New Issues

No new issued raised.

4. Any Other Business

4.1. Issues related to disaggregated Meter Supply Points – 0428 – Single Meter Supply Points

It was agreed that as this matter had been discussed under action DX0201 above, and would be developed further under this action, it could now be considered as closed from an AOB perspective and would be removed from future agendas.

4.2. UNC Modification 0526 – Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier update

In pointing out that the Proposer had provided her apologies due to illness and could not attend the meeting. BF explained that C Baldwin had previously indicated that she would be discussing the matter with the MAMs. HC confirmed that the matter is still being considered and discussions remain ongoing.

BF confirmed this item would be added to the May Workgroup agenda.

4.3. The Treatment of New Meter Installations which occur prior to the Confirmation Date

Opening discussions, SM indicated that Gazprom is still considering whether or not to raise a UNC modification, as they have now started to receive charges for the 'missing period' (as defined within UNC TPD Section G7.3.7). This is a product of UNC Modifications 0424 and 0410A outputs. Gazprom remains unhappy with this principle, especially where engineering projects are underway. Responding, DA explained that Xoserve had only recently commenced charging and pointed out that Gazprom would have been previously charged and that it is the different capacity aligned charges that are now becoming more apparent.

In trying to understand the issue, DA explained that Gazprom believe that where a meter is installed late, a User should not incur charges and should get a refund if the installation date is after the registration date. He also added that he would be more than happy to help SM (offline) to develop a draft modification to address this concern.

DA provided an explanation of the process from the Xoserve perspective and agreed to run a report that identifies both the 1st installation (fix) date and the 1st registration date in the hope that this would provide additional clarity on the matter. Responding, SM suggested that Gazprom are clear on the issues and more than happy to raise the modification before Xoserve provides the information. DA did not have a problem with SM raising the modification, but felt that it might be beneficial to wait until the reports had been run before raising the modification.

DA then pointed out that the deadline for submission of a new modification to the April UNC Panel is 01 April 2015, due to the impact of Easter. Taking all factors in to account, SM indicated that he would be happy to wait and submit the new modification at the May Panel meeting.

New Action DX0301: Reference Treatment of New Meter Installations which occur prior to the Confirmation Date - Xoserve (DA) to run a report that identifies both the 1st installation (fix) date and the 1st registration date.

4. 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
10:30 Thursday 23 April 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	Standard Workgroup considerations plus 0509, 0518S, 0522 (0479A), 0523S.
10:30 Thursday 28 May 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	<i>To be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 25 June 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	<i>To be confirmed</i>
10:30 Thursday 23 July 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	<i>To be confirmed</i>

Action Table

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DX0201	26/02/2015	4.2	<i>Reference Modification 0428 User Pays costs - Xoserve (DA) to look to provide an indication of the User Pays costs (comprising a fixed element for initial reporting and setting up) and potential service take up numbers.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Update provided. Closed
DX0202	26/02/2015	4.4	<i>Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs - Xoserve (DA) to clarify discussions around how readings should be provided (i.e. estimated read provisions etc.), as undertaken within other forum (i.e. PN Workgroup & UKLC).</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
DX0203	26/02/2015	4.4	<i>Reference Transfer of Meter Points between iGTs and GTs – All parties to consider requirements and provide feedback.</i>	All	Carried Forward
DX0301	26/03/2015	4.3	<i>Reference Treatment of New Meter Installations which occur prior to the Confirmation Date - Xoserve (DA) to run a report that identifies both the 1st</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Pending

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