

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 27 June 2013

at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Andrea Varkonyi	(AV)	First Utility
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Hill	(CH)	Cornwall Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Tim Davis (Secretary)	(TD)	Joint Office
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom Energy

* via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes from the previous meeting(s)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Review of actions from previous meeting(s)

No outstanding actions for review.

1.3. Modifications with Ofgem

In the absence of an Ofgem attendee, this was not considered.

2. Workgroups

The following modification workgroup meetings took place:

- 2.1. 0425 - Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – Shipperless sites
(Report to Panel 15 August 2013) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0425

- 2.2. 0431S - Shipper/Transporter - Meter Point Portfolio Reconciliation
(Report to Panel 18 July 2013) – Papers at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0431

- 2.3. 0445 - Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity (Report to Panel 15 August 2013) – Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0445
- 2.4. 0450 - Monthly revision of erroneous SSP AQs outside the User AQ Review Period (Report to Panel 19 September 2013) – Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0450
- 2.5. 0455 - Updating of Meter Information by the Transporter (Report to Panel 17 October 2013) – Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0455
- 2.6. 0457 – Extending the use of the UK Link Network (Information Exchange (IX)) to Meter Asset Provider (MAP) organisations (Report to Panel 17 October 2013) – Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0457

3. Issues

3.1 ISS 0052 - Transfer of Assets

AR confirmed the item remains on hold, but he was hopeful that it will be moved forward imminently.

3.2 New Issues

Daily meter Reading – Mandatory Population

CW presented some thoughts on the future of the DM regime with a view to simplification, and invited reactions. It was agreed that this be accepted as a medium priority new issue and be considered at the next meeting. GE questioned whether there were different views across networks regarding the issue, particularly the number of network sensitive loads. EM confirmed the issue was a shared one.

4 Any Other Business

Shipperless Sites

CW encouraged attendance at the Unregistered Sites Workgroup, where a full update would be offered.

Invoicing Read Estimation Proposal

CW presented on behalf of the networks explaining the desire to introduce a more economic and efficient invoicing process, with the underlying ambition being to reduce unallocated gas. The proposal would allow an opening read (at meter fix) to be estimated by Xoserve (in the absence of any other opening read), and reconciliation charges to flow accordingly. A UNC modification is not needed to implement this but CW wanted to raise awareness of the approach that Xoserve is taking on behalf of Transporters. While recognising that this reflects existing UNC obligations and provisions, concerns were raised around the reasonableness of this when a Shipper may acquire a customer and be left with liabilities related to gas that may have been used prior to their customer taking possession of the site.

CB asked if opening reads would be provided to the Shipper and replace any other read, and DA agreed to check what the position would be. CW agreed to provide back a more precise explanation of the mechanics of the approach to a subsequent meeting.

5 Diary Planning

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

Distribution Workgroup meetings are booked to take place on:

Monday 15 July 2013 at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ.

Thursday 25 July 2013 at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ.

Thursday 22 August 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Thursday 26 September 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Thursday 24 October 2013 at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ.

Thursday 28 November 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ.