






Outstanding Action update following the UNC Workgroup 0606S Thursday 5th January 2017 meeting.

Action 0101: Invoicing Solution requiring Shipper involvement

CW to provide a clear explanation of what other options have been considered and why they have been discounted, and why this current proposition requiring Shipper involvement is perceived to be the most appropriate. CW also to include these explanations in the Q and A document and republish.

Invoice solution options summary (1 of 2)

Option	Outcome of analysis
1 a. Transmission rebilling: manual Credit and Ad Hoc (Ancillary) invoices issued to Shippers (only for combined invoice types)	 Preferred solution – rationale as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not impact the Project Nexus implementation schedule • Impact is on a limited category of invoices (combined) • Continues the separated Shipper credit security instruments (effective January 2017)
b. Manual Credit and Debit Invoices created but not issued to Shippers (suppressed in UK Link)	 Discounted due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical barriers within UK Link mean suppressing invoices would mean supporting data could not be linked to an invoice therefore no ability to check values in an invoice
2 a. Xoserve Acts as a Collection Agent on Behalf of National Grid	 Discounted due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires reversion to single Shipper security arrangements for National Grid and NGGD
b. National Grid appoints a Third Party Collection Agent	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xoserve not set up to act as collection agent.
c. National Grid appoints a Third Party Collection Agent (Xoserve split invoice data)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential regulatory hurdles (FSMA) • New process would need to be set up with third party which would require UNC amendment and new processes for Shippers.
d. National Grid appoints a Third Party Collection Agent to receipt funds only	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk around external cash receipt/ collection agents considered too high given criticality of cashflows

Invoice solution options summary (2 of 2)

Option	Outcome of analysis
3 National Grid raise a new Mod to extend Mod 0592s	X Discounted due to:
4 a. Xoserve issues combined invoices on behalf of NGT, Shipper makes full payment to NGT for combined invoice with transfer of funds to NGD. NGT only/NGD only invoices issued on behalf of correct party	X <ul style="list-style-type: none"> single-company invoicing (as carried out under Mod 0592s) was only workable whilst NGGD is part of the National Grid Group. Completion of the sale is expected on 31 March 2017 after which it would not be feasible for an iDN to receive confidential information and payments on behalf of the NTS operator
----- b. Xoserve issues invoices with trustee account details for combined invoices	X