

UNC 0640S Workgroup Minutes
Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Suppliers
Friday 05 January 2018
at Energy UK, Charles House 5-11 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andrew Margan	(AM)	Centrica
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Chris Warner	(Cwa)	Cadent
Claire Towler	(CT)	SSE
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Debbie Brace	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans	(GE)	WatersWye
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	First Utility
John Welch*	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	(E.ON)
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Nicky Rozier*	(NR)	BUUK
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales and West Utilities
Roger Somoo	(RS)	Utility Warehouse
Rowan Hazell*	(RH)	Cornwall Insight
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales and West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom
Tahera Choudhury*	(TC)	Xoserve

* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 February 2018.

1. Outline of Modification

AM briefly introduced this modification. He explained that there is a CMA obligation placed on Transporters and Xoserve to enable Price Comparison Websites (PCWs) to have access to consumer data. This enabling modification enables the permissions to be granted to permit the release of domestic consumer data to Suppliers. Suppliers currently do not have access to the same service being provided for PCWs under UNC Modification 0593 *Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third-Party Intermediaries* but would benefit from the same data provisions.

2. Initial Discussion

In terms of the solution, AM stated that there were some challenges within this modification and that a belt and braces approach had been taken within this solution and any resulting service would be provided via an Application Programming Interface (API) service. With sufficient controls in place, Suppliers would have access to a range of data such as supply meter point reference point, supply point address, meter post code, current supplier ID, network operator, meter capacity etc. The release of this data would be through consumer consent. In addition, TC confirmed that Xoserve could implement this modification immediately as there is no impact on API service.

The following comments were made in discussion of the solution:

NR noted that the data items listed in the solution that Suppliers would have access to are slightly different to UNC Modification 0593, for example the smart meter equipment technical code.

AC agreed that there are minimal discrepancies and in principle this is a straightforward modification to implement as previous UNC Modifications 0593V and 0595S provided a lot of development on the API platform.

In response, to NRs confirmation that she was also comfortable with the proposals in this modification, AM reported that an identical permissions modification was being raised within iGT UNC.

DA asked if a privacy impact assessment (PIA) was needed in the context of data protection? AM responded to confirm that the PIA carried out for PCWs covered the risks and therefore the process does not need to be repeated.

3. Next Steps

BF confirmed that the next steps are the completion of the Workgroup report.

4. Any Other Business

None raised.

5. Outstanding Action(s)

There are no outstanding actions.

6. 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 25 January 2018	Lansdowne Gate 65 New Road Solihull B91 3DL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Legal text • Completion of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 05 January 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update