

UNC 0647 Workgroup Minutes
Opening Class 1 reads to Competition
Thursday 22 March 2018
at Xoserve Ltd, Lansdowne Gate, 65 New Road, Solihull B91 3DL

Attendees

Penny Garner (Chair)	(PG)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Andrew Patel	(AP)	Xoserve
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Carl Whitehouse	(CWh)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CWA)	Cadent
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Graham Wood*	(GW)	Centrica
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	SGN
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Lorna Lewin*	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Rixon	(MR)	ENGIE
Nicky Rozier*	(NR)	BUUK
Phillip Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sarah Jones*	(SJ)	Electralink
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Network
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales and West Utilities
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tahera Choudhury*	(TC)	Xoserve
Tim Hipperson*	(TH)	Utility Wise

**via teleconference*

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1. Outline of Modification**1.1. Modification Outline**

RP provided a high level summary of the rationale behind the Modification during which a number of parties voiced their concerns relating to the 'splitter' aspects. Responding, RP advised that he was happy to take into consideration, the points being raised.

RP then explained that he had already asked Xoserve to provide an initial potential solutions and impacts assessment.

1.2. Solution Options and Impacts presentation

RH provided an overview of the Xoserve presentation.

When reviewing the 'Modification 0647 - Opening Class 1 reads to Competition' slide, RH confirmed that in respect of the final bullet point, where a Shipper attempts to submit a Class 1 file, the system would reject the submission.

During consideration of the 'Current Process Timeframes – Class 1' slide, it was noted that once the Shipper becomes responsible for obtaining reads (currently a Transporter obligation), there would be some potential Gemini timeline impacts, especially relating to the difference between Gemini Class 1 and 2 aspects.

When concerns were voiced around the potential exclusion of some NTS sites, DA agreed to investigate further.

New Action 0301: Reference potential Gemini system impacts - Xoserve (DA) and National Grid NTS (BV) to investigate potential NTS related impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects).

It was suggested that a Class 1 and 2 'comparison' matrix might prove beneficial, in order to better understand the processes involved, DA agreed to consider providing examples around how this might work in reality.

New Action 0302: Reference potential Gemini system impacts - Xoserve (DA) to provide examples of Class 1 and 2 'process comparisons' and explicitly articulate the criteria for DMC.

When it was suggested, that the issue of DMV site migration (at the end of March 2018) was a completely different matter, DA pointed out, that as far as the Gemini system is concerned, DMV is seen as DMA going forwards. He also noted that Xoserve are not trying to link to 0625 provisions.

When PG provided a quick overview of the proposed Modification timelines, DA observed that development of the solution over the forthcoming Workgroup meetings would / could potentially impact on these initial timelines.

When asked, RP advised that Wales & West Utilities would prefer a pre 2020 implementation date on the grounds that their current contractual arrangements cease in 2020. However, it was noted that care is needed in order to 'iron out' potential issues.

Moving on to consider the 'Points for Workgroup Discussion' slide, RP advised that he anticipates removing the 'first in line obligation' in a forthcoming iteration of the modification. However, he did point out that there are potential GM7 (Part B) obligations involved, that the Workgroup would need to consider in due course.

New Action 0303: Wales & West Utilities (RP) to investigate any GM7 (part B) related requirements and implications prior to inclusion in an updated iteration of the modification.

When SM indicated that Gazprom would expect to include a 'splitter' on any of their DM sites, it was recognised that further consideration of this matter would be needed, especially the technical and commercial aspects.

In considering the timing of read submissions, it was noted that whilst the Gemini submission deadline is 16:00, Class 2 submission requirements are 15:00 – some parties wondered whether or not, we could utilise the UDR files for Class 1 reads, and how this might impact upon Shippers ability to submit reads. Responding, DA suggested that the question is whether there would be any real benefit in running the UDR process earlier. When some parties believed that it potentially boils down to simply treating all read submissions in a similar manner to Class 2 requirements, DA explained that whilst this could work in principle, there could be some energy movement and timing related issues involved – in the end it was agreed that the Workgroup should look to consider the associated timing implications of any proposed change.

When CW pointed out that he does not envisage any Class 1 eligibility changes being associated with this Modification, DA provided a brief overview of the three potential solutions.

In recognising that the answer could potentially involve a multiple run based solution, DA agreed to look to provide an impact assessment of the various process related timing triggers.

New Action 0304: Xoserve (DA) to provide an Impact Assessment matrix outlining the various process related timing trigger changes (i.e. data submission and validation aspects).

NR observed that the iGTs might need to consider raising an equivalent iGT modification in due course.

Moving on to consider the transition options owing to GFD+5 close out requirements, RP suggested that further Workgroup consideration of these aspects would be needed, as this potentially involves a complex set of solution requirements. When asked, DA clarified that this relates to DM service timeline considerations and especially how 'cut over' would be expected to work.

DA went on to point out that the Workgroup would also need to consider consumption (transition) deadlines and that Xoserve is currently looking at the transitional aspects associated with the modification, especially those that potentially involve significant cost implications.

The Workgroup noted that re-synchs would need to be considered as well, especially as this also involves consideration of the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) (UIG) aspects and implications. RP suggested that once the main (modification) solution is bottomed out, the Workgroup could then move on to consider the transitional requirements in more depth.

It was noted that further consideration of what current Transporter obligations would / could be transferred over to Shippers, including how Shippers identify previous site owners, would be needed in due course.

New Action 0305: All DNs to consider and provide a view on how pulse output aspects will work in practice.

2. Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None to consider.

2.2. Initial Representations

None to consider.

2.3. Terms of Reference

(<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods>)

3. Next Steps

All parties to provide responses to the allotted actions in time for consideration at the next Workgroup meeting, and Wales & West Utilities to consider amending the modification in line with Workgroup discussions to date.

4. Any Other Business

None.

5. 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 26 April 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London. NW1 3AW	Standard Agenda items

Action Table (as at 22 March 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	22/03/18	1.2	<i>Reference potential Gemini system impacts - Xoserve (DA) and National Grid NTS (BV) to investigate potential NTS related impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects).</i>	Xoserve (DA) & National Grid NTS (BV)	Pending
0302	22/03/18	1.2	<i>Reference potential Gemini system impacts - Xoserve (DA) to provide examples of Class 1 and 2 'process comparisons' and explicitly articulate the criteria for DMC.</i>	Xoserve (DA)	Pending
0303	22/03/18	1.2	To investigate any GM7 (part B) related requirements and implications prior to inclusion in an updated iteration of the modification.	Wales & West Utilities (RP)	Pending
0304	22/03/18	1.2	To provide an Impact Assessment matrix outlining the various process related timing trigger changes (i.e. data submission and validation aspects).	Xoserve (DA)	Pending
0305	22/03/18	1.2	To consider and provide a view on how pulse output aspects will work in practice.	All DNs	Pending