

UNC Workgroup 0647 Minutes Opening Class 1 reads to Competition

Thursday 28 June 2018

at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse*	(CWh)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Dan Fittock	(DF)	Corona Energy
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Graham Wood	(GW)	Centrica
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Matthew Payne	(MP)	SGN
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve
Rachel Hinsley	(RHi)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	WWU
Shaheeni Vekaria*	(SV)	Utility Warehouse
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight

*via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 September 2018.

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (26 April 2018)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. Consideration of Amended Modification

RM confirmed there was an amended modification to consider at the meeting and a presentation.

RM summarised the changes made to the Summary section essentially removing the first-in-line obligation and adding a provision to provide DNO access.

The solution had also been updated adding the current code obligations to make it clearer what would be changed or impacted by the Modification.

RP confirmed the liability and impact detail in particular for IGTs. He confirmed that the IGTs would also have to raise an IGT UNC Modification to replicate the changes required and ensure the Codes and services are aligned.

CW also suggested that the daily read error elements would also need to be added to the Modification to ensure the process was understood.

DM enquired where a Transporter has got equipment on a supply point for network management reasons, and this is disabled preventing communication, if there would be any come-back. RP explained that there is no come-back in the UNC to make a claim. CW highlighted where reads are taken for settlement there is a slightly higher claim, as the information is for industry purposes. He suggested that if there is any equipment to procure reads these must have the first call on the pulse, for example settlement, anything else, such as secondary services for any other reason such as network management shouldn't have priority and that this should be set out within the Modification. It was agreed that this principle should be outlined in the modification. DM explained where a Shipper disconnects DNO equipment there is a cost associated with a site visit for a re-connection and that there should be a process to communicate what has happened.

It was recognised that if read equipment is fitted for customer data the DN loggers can end up being disconnected. The Workgroup deliberated if there should be a reference in the UNC for an obligation to communicate with the DNO if equipment is disconnected, it was noted that other industry processes and technical documents should specify this process.

GW asked about the Meter Pulse Utilisation (MPU) agreement and if there would be some linkage or is it still available or used. CW suggested that this ought to be reviewed to see if there is anything suitable which can be used, however it was noted that the MPU is not referenced in UNC and would form part of MAM contracts.

RP provided a presentation; which first looked at the possible transitional arrangements for the 505 Product Class 1 Supply Meter Points.

RP explained that the modification envisages transition on a Day, which would remove the requirement to have transition arrangements in UNC covering liabilities. New equipment could be fitted before the Day to allow transition to a new service provider on the Transition Day, however a mass Transition on Day 1 may be a risk for the industry should there be communication problems. RP asked if it was preferable to have a phased transition. He welcomed comments/feedback on the arrangements and whether a phased or hard-cut over would be preferred.

KD and LL confirmed that this would have to be taken back to the business to review.

DA confirmed that with a hard transition there would be a need to make sure that the modification covers the situation if a party does not act or put equipment in place as these sites are mandatory DM. DA summarised the concerns related to a hard cutover where a party may not be ready and the consequences this may have for Xoserve intercepting. He suggested that it would be sensible for a phased transition with a parallel running period.

KD suggested a fall back could be to have a hard cut-over date with an understanding that parties that do not achieve the hard cut-over would inherit a default contract (carry-over) with some sanctions.

It was recognised for the system a hard cut-cover had benefits. LL suggested that some detailed solution options would be helpful for parties to allow consideration of the potential transitional arrangements.

Action 0601: Xoserve to provide a summary of the potential Transitional Solutions for consideration at the July meeting.

Action 0602: All parties to consider the modifications transitional arrangements and provide a view by August meeting including Procurement and Gemini.

RP explained the processes which need to be considered for the cut-over and what elements would need to be changed in the Legal Text.

It was challenged what would happen if an iGT UNC modification was not raised. Removing the IGTAD provision would leave a gap. It was recognised that this would need to be highlighted to the IGTs at the next IGTAD Committee meeting.

RP summarised to move forward the following elements need to be considered:

- MPU agreement
- Business rules
- Daily Read error
- Consensus on transition

RP believed that the September UNC Panel report date may need to be extended. Consideration was given to giving Shippers ample notice to ensure systems are ready.

It was noted that the ROM request would be needed when the transitional arrangements are better understood.

DA explained that the transitional process will drive the solution and rather than producing a ROM for two options on a phased transition or hard cut-over, he suggested the Workgroup consider an arrangement to transfer 'by date' rather than a transfer 'on date'.

KD expressed that Shippers will need to know what the options are, what the considerations are, and have time for their own system changes and procurement events prior to transition.

DA explained the option of using the UDI file and leaving sites as Product Class 1, and that there could be a middle ground which could make transition smoother.

It was agreed to allow more time to reflect on the modification and to consider the transitional arrangements. DA also wanted the Workgroup to consider the DSC Change Management process.

3. Review of Outstanding Actions

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).*

Update: DA explained for Class 1 sites records on Gemini, DMC sites have an allocation on a meter point basis, and he assumed that this would remain the requirement. He will assume that these will be individually allocated, and he requested that Shippers provide validation of this requirement. **Carried Forward.**

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.

Update: Provided and captured in draft modification. **Closed**

0401: Joint Office (BF/MB) to ensure that 'Transitional Considerations' are added to the 24 May 2018 Workgroup agenda.

Update: Transitional arrangements to be considered further as an ongoing item. **Closed**

4. Next Steps

Further consideration of the Transitional arrangements.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 26 July 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Consider Transitional Arrangements
10:30 Thursday 23 August 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	
10:30 Thursday 27 September 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	

Action Table (as at 28 June 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)	Carried Forward
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)	Closed
0401	26/04/18	4.0	To ensure that 'Transitional Considerations' are added to the 24 May 2018 Workgroup agenda.	Joint Office (BF/MB)	Closed
0601	28/06/18	2.0	Xoserve to provide a summary of the potential Transitional Solutions for consideration at the July meeting.	Xoserve (DA)	Pending
0602	28/06/18	2.0	All parties to consider the modifications transitional arrangements and provide a view by August meeting including Procurement and Gemini.	All	Pending