

UNC Workgroup 0630R Minutes

Review of the consequential changes required in UNC as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme

Thursday 27 September 2018

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann	(AMa)	Gazprom
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Edd Fyfe	(EF)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
John Cooper*	(JC)	BUUK
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON UK
Lesley Bowen*	(LB)	EDF Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Michelle Whittington*	(MW)	EDF Energy
Oorlagh Chapman*	(OC)	Centrica
Rachel Bird*	(RB)	Gemserv
Rachel Clarke*	(RC)	Gemserv
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shaheeni Vekaria	(SV)	Utility Warehouse
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales & West Utilities

*via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

BF explained that at the 20 September 2018 Panel meeting, Members had requested that a further meeting should be undertaken in order to allow participants a chance to finalise the Workgroup Report.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (27 September 2018)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. Consideration for Completion of the Request Workgroup Report

Opening the discussions, CW outlined a potential approach following the 20 September 2018 Panel decision to send back Request 0630R to the Workgroup for further assessment. He went on to explain that legal representatives and Ofgem have already commenced work on the legal text associated with the Retail Energy Code and Faster Switching SCR. At the same time engagement with Xoserve has also taken place in order to understand the potential scale of any systems related work, including trying to establish an initial view for any UNC related or consequential impacts.

CW went on to advise that any new UNC arrangements / requirements would be identified via the appropriate industry engagement mechanisms. The next step in the process involves meeting with Ofgem on 09 October 2018 to try to gain a better understanding of the potential UNC aspects, whereupon primary feedback to the UNC would be via this Request Workgroup.

As the Proposer of Request 0630R, CW is keen to keep this Request open to ensure consequential changes were understood. He also noted that the legal text provision target for the related UNC changes would be circa March 2019, with the UNC update being undertaken during 2021.

When KD enquired as to whether or not the IGT UNC would have similar impacts and have they been engaged in the discussions on this matter, CW pointed out that there are likely to be impacts that would need to be addressed. However, he remains of the view that the IGTs would need to take responsibility for any IGT UNC related changes.

RC advised that she had discussed these matters with Jon Dixon (Ofgem) at the recent Panel meeting and that he believes that any IGT related impacts would be small – Ofgem will be attending the next IGT Panel meeting in order to discuss these matters further.

In noting that the Panel has requested completion of the Request Workgroup Report (0630R) by the 18 October 2018 meeting, BF suggested Workgroup should seek a further extension in order to consider the additional consequential change information following the Transporter/Ofgem meeting and that this should be open to a joint UNC / IGT Workgroup going forwards.¹

3. Next Steps

The Workgroup to seek an extension through to March 2019 in order to have sufficient time to better understand the consequential impacts on processes due to the Switching Programme and what changes to the UNC would be needed as a consequence. As such impacts are not likely to be identified until later in the year, as the Switching Programme develops, it is suggested that further Workgroup meetings should be arranged once the impacts have been clarified. The Workgroup also notes that such changes would need to be assessed and legal text produced by March 2019.

4. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0202: 1. Shippers to provide views on the proposed solution and discussion points set out in slide 6 of the presentation. 2. Xoserve (DA) to discuss the feedback provided by Shippers at the DSC Change Management Committee meeting to be held on ~~07 March~~ 09 May 2018.

Update: Consideration deferred. **Carried Forward**

Action 0203: Xoserve (RH) to add a separate topic area to the BRD in relation to iGT transportation charges.

Update: Consideration deferred. **Carried Forward**

Action 0401: Xoserve (AM) to provide an update for iGT's on the Impact Assessment prior to the next meeting to be held on 29 June 2018.

¹ Please note: an updated Request Workgroup Report (v3.0 dated 28 September 2018) was published on the Joint Office web site after the meeting and can be viewed and/or downloaded at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0630>

Update: Consideration deferred. **Carried Forward**

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10.30, Thursday 25 October 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	To be confirmed
10.00, Thursday 22 November 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	To be confirmed
10.00, Tuesday 17 December 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	To be confirmed

Action Table (as at 27 September 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0202	21/02/18	5.2	1. Shippers to provide views on the proposed solution and discussion points set out in slide 6 of the presentation. 2. Xoserve (DA) to discuss the feedback provided by Shippers at the DSC Change Management Committee meeting to be held on 07 March 09 May 2018.	Shippers Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
0203	21/02/18	8.0	To add a separate topic area to the BRD in relation to IGT transportation charges.	Xoserve (RH)	Carried Forward
0401	27/04/18	2.0	To provide an update for IGT's on the Impact Assessment prior to the next meeting to be held on 29 June 2018.	Xoserve (AM)	Carried Forward