

UNC Workgroup 0647 Minutes
Opening Class 1 reads to Competition
Thursday 25 October 2018
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann	(AMa)	Gazprom
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse*	(CW)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Edward Fyfe	(EF)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
John Cooper*	(JC)	BUUK
John Welch*	(JD)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON UK
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Michelle Whittington*	(MW)	EDF Energy
Oorlagh Chapman*	(OC)	Centrica
Richard Johnson	(RJ)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shaheeni Vekaria*	(SV)	Utility Warehouse
Shanna Key*	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight

*via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review**1.1. Approval of Minutes (25 September 2018)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. Consideration of Potential Gemini System Aspects

Richard Pomroy (RP) explained that David Addison (DA) had produced some thoughts on the 'hard cut over' and the process that would have to take place. DA then explained that there were no functional impacts to Gemini although this was still under review until the solution was identified.

DA said that a requirement that Xoserve had recorded, was that each Supply Meter Point had a specific (i.e. non aggregate LMN), as per the current Class 1 Requirements.

He explained that there were potential impacts to processes that Gemini managed, if the Class 1 Meter Readings were not passed from the UK Link System Application (SAP-ISU) to Gemini. He added that currently the Daily Meter Readings were received from DMSPs by [09:00hrs] and issued to Shippers by [12:00hrs]. He said the CON file was passed at [17:30hrs] and this could comfortably include energy values calculated using actual reads provided to Xoserve by the DMSP for Class 1 Supply Meter Points.

He then said that Class 1 Meter Read performance meant that typically the Actual reading was received on Gas Flow Day (GFD) +1. DA said that at the moment the UDR file was first processed by [15:00hrs]. The UNC obligation for Class 2 Meter Readings was that this was received by the end of GFD+1. He explained that if Xoserve did not retain the timings as is, for Class 1 SMPs, then there was a risk that any actuals provided would not be used to calculate daily energy and sent to Gemini on the day that they were provided. He said that Modification 0647 needed to consider timeliness of provision of Class 1 Meter Readings, adding that this was also true for Class 2 Supply Meter Points, therefore may be a future consideration (under a separate Modification) should volumes of reads/gas warrant it.

He said if the number of actual Meter Readings being provided at GFD+1 to Gemini reduced, the impact would be greater uncertainty on a given day and allocations on GFD+1 would use energy values calculated using estimate reads, which might send erroneous signals to Shippers. This in turn, would mean a risk to UiG volatility, assuming that energy values calculated using actuals reads flow on GFD+2 it is assumed that these impacts would be corrected. He said because of this fact, Shipper Users views on this point were particularly invited due to the potential impacts on UIG.

DA then said where the reading was provided on GFD+5 (i.e. the Closeout Day) then if this reading was not processed and revised energy values inserted onto the 17:30 CON file, then the Actual Meter Reading would need to be loaded as a Consumption Adjustment. This would mean that the Allocation would not reflect actual energy, and that Energy Balancing Scheduling Charges may be levied and not reversed. DA said this was current process.

DA said that Xoserve would propose that an additional instance of the UDR processing was added – and that the Class 1 Meter Readings were sought to be provided in this earlier instance. He added that Xoserve were presently looking at solution options as to how these readings could be identified and processed with a higher priority.

Lorna Lewin (LL) said this aspect needed to be discussed and reviewed and the overall process evaluated. Bob Fletcher (BF) agreed and suggested that actual options needed to be further investigated and quantified.

DA requested that all Shippers should provide feedback on the proposed Gemini systems proposal, especially regarding the timings of the meter reads.

New Action 1001: All Shippers to provide feedback to David Addison, Xoserve on the Gemini Systems proposal document, specifically in relation to the timings of the meter reads.

A brief general discussion then took place regarding this timing issue and what would be seen as an ideal time for Meter reads to be sent to Xoserve, DA stated that the most appropriate time would be 1.00pm. All agreed this needed further consideration and discussion.

3. Consideration of Business Rules

DA overviewed the first draft of the Business Rules and he provided an overview of some of the specific areas as detailed below:

The solution option for the Daily Meter Reading to be fulfilled by 'first past the post Meter Readings' in the transitional period has previously been discussed, but given that:

- *Meter Readings may be received from either the Transporter DMSP or the Shipper User, and therefore this could be from alternative Meter Reading equipment which have differing levels of drift this could lead to material consumption inconsistencies.*

- *Access to portal would be granted to both parties, therefore this risked Shippers and Transporters being able to update information on the asset and readings for the Class 1 Supply Meter Points.*

*A view was expressed by Shippers that they would prefer that **for the transitional period only** a data item be maintained within UK Link systems to reflect the responsible party. These business rules are developed on this basis.*

Generic Business Rules

The following rules apply to the transition period, regardless of the Solution Option chosen.

- *The Transition Period will run for [3] months¹.*
- *Transporter DM Meter Readings liabilities will not apply from the Transition Start Date.*
- *From the Transition Start Date, Shippers may start to provide Daily Meter Readings.*
- *By the end of the Transition Period all Supply Meter Points should have Daily Meter Readings provided by the Shipper. Following the Transition End Date the Transporter will no longer be able to provide Daily Meter Readings. The last date that the Transporter shall provide Daily Meter Readings is Transition End Date calendar day.*

DA then provided a brief overview of the responsibility for the Daily Meter Reading provision recorded by the CDSP.

Richard Pomroy (RP) then said that consideration and investigation was needed in relation to the loggers on a Supply Meter Point and how that was going to operate regarding transition, and he asked all parties to consider this. He added that he would amend the modification to include 1 Supply Point.

New Action 1002: All to consider what actions would be required in relation to loggers on a Supply Meter Point regarding transition, and to review the draft Business Rules produced by Xoserve.

RP said that he now wanted to request an extension from Panel until March 2019, as he felt there was much more discussion needed on this topic, and it could take until December before they were completed, to enable sufficient time to reach a consensus. DA also added that a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) would also be required in due course.

4. Development of Workgroup Report

Not discussed in this meeting, due to the fact the modification would be amended prior to the November meeting.

5. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0901: *Reference 'Transition – Discussion Points' slides – Xoserve (DA) to articulate how the proposed timings are reflected in the Gemini system.*

Update: RP and DA agreed this action could now be closed and the detail of this action can be seen in section 2 above. **Closed**

Action 0902: *Reference 'Other Requirements???' slide – Xoserve (DA) to prepare a draft set of business rules for consideration at the next Workgroup meeting.*

Update: DA said this action could now be closed, as the Business Rules draft document had been produced, see section 3 above for more detail. **Closed**

6. Next Steps

BF said that an extension request would be made to Panel for March 2019. He said at the next meeting he anticipated further discussion regarding the amended modification, Gemini Systems Proposal together with the Business Rules.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

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

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
11.00, Thursday 22 November 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Amended Modification Review of Gemini Systems Impacts Review of the Business Rules
10.00, Tuesday 17 December 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Standard Agenda

Action Table (as at 25 October 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0901	27/09/18	2.0	Reference 'Transition – Discussion Points' slides – Xoserve (DA) to articulate how the proposed timings are reflected in the Gemini system.	Xoserve (DA)	Closed
0902	27/09/18	2.0	Reference 'Other Requirements???' slide – Xoserve (DA) to prepare a draft set of business rules for consideration at the next Workgroup meeting.	Xoserve (DA)	Closed
1001	25/10/18	2.0	All Shippers to provide feedback to David Addison, Xoserve on the Gemini Systems proposal document, specifically in relation to the timings of the meter reads.	All Shippers	Pending
1002	25/10/18	3.0	All to consider what actions would be required in relation to loggers on a Supply Meter Point regarding transition, and to review the draft Business Rules produced by Xoserve.	ALL	Pending