

UNC Workgroup 0730 Minutes
COVID-19 Capacity Retention Process
Thursday 23 July 2020
via Teleconference

Attendees		
Kate Elleman (Chair)	(KE)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Kate Elleman	(KE)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	ICoSS
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Helen Chandler	(HC)	SGN
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Max Lambert	(ML)	Ofgem
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Paul Bedford	(PB)	Drax
Precious Patterson	(PP)	Ceres Energy
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sally Hardman	(SH)	SGN
Steve Britton	(SBr)	Cornwall Insights
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom Energy
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 October 2020.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Steve Mulinganie (SM) introduced the modification and explained the purpose is to allow sites (supply points) isolated in accordance with Modification 0723 (Urgent) - Use of the Isolation Flag to identify sites with abnormal load reduction during COVID-19 period to be subject to a rebate of 50% of their LDZ Capacity Costs.

He highlighted that he is minded to remove Business Rule 4 as it refers to the solution being retrospective and he believes it may be better to target the modification as a prospective solution; with the urgency status being removed it becomes more difficult to easily manage the retrospection element.

Tracey Saunders (TS) asked if the decision is to remove Business Rule 4, will Business Rule 3 be changed. Business Rule 3 refers to Modification 0723 – (Urgent) - Use of the Isolation Flag to identify sites with abnormal load reduction during COVID-19 period, and SM thinks this rule still stands as it deals with the return to normality, post COVID-19.

SM added that Business Rule 3 may need a small change, SM advised he will consider rewording the rule to add further clarity and will consider a new Business Rule 4.

New Action 0701: SM to provide an amended set of Business Rules.

It was confirmed that there is no specific COVID-19 flag in order to identify sites with an abnormal load reduction during the COVID-19 period.

SM clarified that this modification provides 50% capacity relief on top of the relief being provided in Modification 0723.

DA suggested that, from an Xoserve point of view there are 2 solution options:

- Provide a defined set of rules, not necessarily to go into UNC, that would be deriving where sites are subject to this modification;
- Run a process where CDSP gets notified when undertaking a COVID-19 isolation, Xoserve records those meter points and Xoserve performs the adjustment.

SM advised he will provide an amended solution.

It was further clarified that any isolation from the utilisation of Modification 0723, results in the site automatically falling outside of the AQ calculation, regardless of the reason for the isolation.

DA confirmed that by isolating a site, the site is excluded from NDM allocations because the isolation flag refers to a site not consuming gas.

DA said that if an isolation is processed after the implementation date of Modification 0723, he would expect to see the effective date of the isolation to be later than 28 March.

SM will consider:

- The Business Rules
- If there is a different way to deliver this
- If the solution already in the Modification stays the same, how can it be implemented.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

2.1.1. Choice of Isolation Flag and how the Isolation Flag can be identified from a COVID perspective.

This will be further considered at the next Workgroup meeting in August 2020.

2.1.2. Consider IGT impact None raised.

SM confirmed that there could be an IGT impact, the IGT modification will be raised after the next meeting in August 2020.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel a specific Terms of Reference has been published alongside the Modification at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0730/.

3.0 Next Steps

SM will provide an amended modification in line with Workgroup discussions.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Programme
Thursday 27 August 2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Workgroup standard Agenda

Action Table (as at 23 July 2020)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	23/07/20	2.2	SM to provide an amended set of Business Rules.	Proposer (SM)	Pending