

UNC Workgroup 0734S Minutes
Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems
Thursday 22 April 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse	(CW)	Shell Energy
Chris Hooper	(CH)	E.ON Energy
Claire Manning	(CM)	E.ON Energy
Dan Simons	(DS)	Gemserv
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	SPAA/Electralink (0734S only)
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	SGN
Kate Lancaster	(KL)	Xoserve
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Owen Mason	(OM)	Bulb Energy (0734S only)
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insights (0734S only)
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom Energy
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0734/220421>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 June 2021.

1.0 Introduction

Alan Raper (AR) welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 25 March 2021 were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

No late papers recorded.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0202: DM to request that their lawyer have a provisional look at legal text to see how the new BR could apply to a consumption adjustment when no actual meter readings are available.

Update: DM confirmed there is no update to provide as the modification is not yet finalised. SM disputed this point and clarified the business rules are finalised but accepts it is not the right time for the Legal Text to be produced. **Carried Forward**

Action 0301: *Business Rule 5 - Xoserve (DA)* to consider if consumption adjustment (CA) is the right method to apply for theft energy volumes to be entered into Settlement.

Update: DA advised that he could see some scenarios where a meter read may not be available and confirmed he has had conversations with Suppliers through the Theft Review Group who are looking to provide some information to help further develop the modification. DA highlighted he is still of the view that the majority of theft will still be determined in conjunction with a meter reading history and Suppliers have agreed to provide some assessment of that.

FM confirmed he too has been gathering data on how often a meter reading is provided alongside a confirmed theft and that where there is not one provided, an estimate would be given.

DA confirmed that he is not asking for the creation of fictitious readings, he is however, asking for accurate meter readings against which the consumption could be overlaid. If the meter has been damaged, and the Supplier removes the asset, there will be a meter reading which is likely to be estimated. SM advised that in this example, the energy would be calculated.

DA explained, where there is no meter reading, Xoserve would need to work with the Supplier to establish consumptions and dates. The energy would then be billed from the second consumption layer.

AR asked if there needs to be a revision to a Business Rule. SM clarified, for the avoidance of doubt, a supplemental Business Rule could be created to be absolutely clear how Xoserve should estimate the meter reading. **Closed**

Action 0302: *Business Rule 7 - SPAA (FM)* to amend the modification accordingly and change the title so that it matches the intent of the modification.

Update: FM confirmed this is being considered and will be updated as part of the next iteration of the modification. **Closed**

2.0 Consideration of amended Modification

An amended Modification was not provided.

3.0 Issues and Questions from Panel

3.1. Workgroup to consider any potential cross-Code impacts and implementation timelines.

It was confirmed this is referenced in the amended Modification.

4.0 Review of Business Rules

Not reviewed.

5.0 Consideration of Draft Legal Text

Legal text has not yet been provided. It was confirmed by the legal text provider, SGN, that once the Business Rules have been finalised, the legal text would be provided.

6.0 Development of Workgroup Report

AR confirmed he will annotate what has been discussed so far in the Workgroup Report.

7.0 Next Steps

AR suggested a 3-month extension is requested at the May 2021 UNC Panel, with REC going live from 01 September 2021, REC will need a way forward prior to it going live.

The Proposer, SM advised he could not support a 3-month extension and clarified that the outstanding actions, which relate to:

- creating a process for the routine thefts; and,
- provide clarification of the process where a meter reading does not exist,

do not justify a 3-month extension. SM suggested a 2-month extension is more appropriate.

AR confirmed he will request a 2-month extension at the May 2021 UNC Panel and asked if it is worth seeking to produce a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) to facilitate the ability to input a consumption and allow the system to produce the read. DA advised that would be an exceptional process and he would rather not do that as Xoserve could end up producing multiple ROMs.

AR summarised as follows:

- A 2-month extension will be requested at the May 2021 UNC Panel.
- A new version of the modification is expected, including a title change, and a supplemental business rule to accompany Business Rule 5.
- The Legal Text will be provided once the modification has been finalised.
- The Workgroup Report will start to be developed once the modification has been finalised.

8.0 Any Other Business

None.

9.0 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	Workgroup Programme
Thursday 10:00 27 May 2021	Teleconference	Distribution Workgroup standard Agenda

Action Table (as of 22 April 2021)						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0202	25/02/21	2.0 (BR5)	DM to request that their lawyer have a provisional look at legal text to see how the new BR could apply to a consumption adjustment when no actual meter readings are available..	March April 2021	SGN (DM)	Carried Forward
0301	25/03/21	2.0	<i>Business Rule 5</i> - Xoserve (DA) to consider if consumption adjustment (CA) is the right method to apply for theft energy volumes to be entered into Settlement	April 2021	CDSP (DA)	Closed
0302	25/03/21	2.0	<i>Business Rule 7</i> - SPAA (FM) to amend the modification accordingly and change the title so that it matches the intent of the modification.	April 2021	SPAA (FM)	Closed