

UNC 0836S Workgroup Minutes
Resolution of Missing Messages following Central Switching Service
implementation and integration with REC Change R0067
Thursday 23 February 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Ben Mulcahy	(BM)	Northern Gas Networks
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.ON
Colin Paine	(CP)	Engie UK
Dan Stenson	(DS)	Brook Green Supply
David Addison	(DA)	CDSP
David Mitchell	(DMi)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
John R Harris	(JR)	Xoserve
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	Xoserve
Lee Greenwood	(LG)	British Gas
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	TotalEnergies Gas & Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Services
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Simon Bissett	(SB)	Xoserve
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy Limited
Tom Stuart	(TSt)	Wales & West Utilities
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 May 2023.

This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.

Please note these minutes do not replicate/include detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0836/230223

1.0 Outline of Modification

E Rogers (ER) on behalf of the Proposer, G Dosanjh (GD) presented the Modification, explaining since the introduction of Faster Switching Arrangements in July 2022, there have been incidents whereby systems that interface with the Central Switching Service (CSS) have not received expected messages because they have not been generated, or because of issues in transmission or receipt of the messages. This Modification clarifies treatment and activities necessary when the CSS Registration Effective from Date does not align to that recorded in the UK Link system.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0836>

ER explained what the UNC needs to cater for circumstances where the CDSP becomes aware that a Registration has taken place and the mechanisms needed.

Solution

ER explained the Modification proposes:

- Amendment to allow the CDSP to update the Registration held within UK Link systems when it becomes aware that there is, or will be, a discrepancy between CSS and UK Link.
- Consideration of the exception process where in the event that the Registration Effective From Dates in CSS and UK Link are not aligned, then clarify that the Shipper responsible within CSS will be responsible for invoicing in keeping with CSS mastering Registration on CSS Supply Points.
- Allowing the CDSP to generate a Meter Reading that the Shippers may use in Settlement to agree responsibility for gas volumes, and the basis for which this can be replaced.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

2.1.1. Please consider the materiality for the invoicing arrangements and consequential impacts on stakeholders

David Addison (DA) provided an explanation to the question that was raised at the UNC Modification Panel meeting held on 16 February 2023.

The presentation has now been provided and has been published here: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0836/230223.

DA explained, the implementation of REC Change Proposal R0067 - Introduction of CSS Refresh Functionality, will introduce the capability for the Gas Retail Data Agent (GRDA – a role that the CDSP performs in REC) to request a *Resend* of a missing message, if CSS cannot resend a message for any reason, they would invoke a *Refresh*.

DA advised that a Refresh cannot be invoked until after the Registration has gone live which will mean there is a discrepancy between the CSS Registration Effective From Date (EFD) and the UKL Registration EFD.

DA provided a view of materiality of the issue in the form of a table that shows Assumed AQ; Peak-Day Consumption; Typical Transportation Charges per Day and Peak day gas allocation per day kWh/cost for a Typical Domestic Property; Average sized Industrial/Commercial Property and a Very large Daily Metered site.

DA noted that as the vast majority of sites impacted to date are Small Supply Points/Domestic, the daily costs are very low, estimated as Transportation £0.70; Energy costs are £1.76, this could result in large numbers of small adjustment invoices being generated that has the effect of moving a cost from one Shipper to another.

DA asked Workgroup if they agree with the discussion on materiality and at this moment, he is not considering a change from Self-Governance to Authority Direction whilst trying to understand the materiality. He added, to move to Authority Direction would add a layer of complexity that would not be beneficial.

New Action 0201: Workgroup to consider the Materiality Test and feedback any comments direct to David Addison or via Joint Office.

BF noted that the information provided is the CDSP view around low value invoices and if they would have a material impact.

DA sought the view from Workgroup that if a materiality test were to be applied, what the monetary value could be, for example [£10], so that if the materiality was greater than [£10] an adjustment invoice would be raised.

TS noted that for Transporters the impact would be nil because it is a movement for a Shipper and that there is a potential material impact dependant on the size of the site, also, if it is a large site that is billed incorrectly, this could have an impact on Value at Risk.

Clare Manning (CM) further noted that one single large site could have the same impact as multiple small sites.

New Action 0202: CDSP (DA) to provide analysis on how big the issue has been to date using the 300 sites so far affected.

TS commented that if there are no large sites impacted to date then the Modification would remain as Self-Governance, but this needs to be monitored over the next month or so.

Workgroup agreed the materiality of the Modification should be reassessed during Workgroup discussions.

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/0836

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed the next steps to be:

- Consideration of the complexity in the materiality test
- Review any info on the materiality issue
- Any changes to the Modification
- Consider the implementation timeline
- Request ROM and/or Legal Text

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	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
Thursday 10:00 23 March 2023	5pm 14 March 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda including any Modification Workgroups relating to Distribution Workgroup
Thursday 10:00 27 April 2023	5pm 18 April 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda including any Modification Workgroups relating to Distribution Workgroup

Action Table (as of 23 February 2023)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0201	23/02/23	2.0	Issues and Questions from Panel: Workgroup to consider the Materiality Test and feedback any comments direct to David Addison or via Joint Office .	March 2023	Workgroup	Pending
0202	23/02/23	2.0	Issues and Questions from Panel: CDSP (DA) to provide analysis on how big the issue has been to date using the 300 sites so far affected	March 2023	CDSP (DA)	Pending