

Extraordinary DSC Change Management Committee Minutes
Wednesday 26 October 2020
Via teleconference

Attendees			
Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Shipper User Representatives (Voting)			
Claire Louise Roberts (Alternate for Oorlagh Chapman)	(CLR)	Scottish Power	Class A Voting
Andrew Green	(AG)	Total Gas & Power	Class B Voting
Alexander Mann	(AM)	Gazprom	Class C Voting
Transporter Representatives (Voting)			
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent	DNO Voting
Helen Chandler (Alternate for Richard Pomroy)	(RP)	WWU	DNO Voting
Kevin Duddy (+ Alternate for Rebecca Cailles)	(KD)	IGT Representative	IGT Voting
CDSP Change Management Representatives (Non-Voting)			
James Rigby	(JR)	Xoserve	
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve	
Observers/Presenters (Non-Voting)			
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve	
Jaimee LeResche	(JLR)	Xoserve	
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON	
Liam King	(LK)	Ofgem	
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	
Richard Hadfield	(RH)	Xoserve	
Sally Hardman	(SH)	SGN	
Simon Harris	(SHa)	Xoserve	
Sonniya Fagan	(SF)	Joint Office	
Thomas Lineham	(TL)	Xoserve	

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dsc-change/261020>

1. Introduction

Rebecca Hailes (RH) welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed the meeting quorate.

1.1. Apologies for absence

Rebecca Cailles, IGT Representative
Oorlagh Chapman, Shipper User Representative

1.2. Alternates

Claire Louise Roberts for Oorlagh Chapman
Helen Chandler for Richard Pomroy
Kevin Duddy for Rebecca Cailles

1.3. Confirm Voting rights

Representative	Classification	Vote Count
Shipper		
Claire Louise Roberts (Alternate for Oorlagh Chapman)	Shipper Class A	2 votes
Andrew Green	Shipper Class B	2 votes
Alexander Mann	Shipper Class C	2 votes
Transporter		
Guv Dosanjh	DNO	1 vote
Helen Chandler (Alternate for Richard Pomroy)	DNO	1 vote
(No representative present)	NTS	2 votes
Kevin Duddy (+ Alternate for Rebecca Cailles)	IGT	2 votes

1.4. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers.

2. XRN5253 June 21 Scope Decision

James Rigby (JR) explained that the UK Link Scheduled release for June 2021 scope had been approved at the 09 September 2020 DSC Change Management Committee, which encompassed the following 3 changes:

- XRN5093 Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands (Modification 0711 - Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands)
- XRN4941 Auto updates to Meter Read Frequency (Modification 0692S - Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency)
- XRN4992 Modification 0687- Creation of new charge to recover Last Resort Supply Payments

JR said that currently there was a decision outstanding with Ofgem regarding both Modifications relating to XRN4941 and XRN4992 and therefore this meeting had been arranged to provide a decision point as to whether to proceed into delivery with these changes or de-scope them, for later potential delivery.

Liam King (LK) said that Ofgem were still considering the Modification related to XRN4941 Auto updates to Meter Read Frequency (Modification 0692S - Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency) and aim to make a decision in the coming weeks, potentially by 11 November 2020, when the next scheduled DSC Change Management Committee meeting would take place. However, he was unable to guarantee a decision would be made by this date, or give a 'minded-to' position on the self-governance appeal.

LK said in relation to XRN4992 (Modification 0687- Creation of new charge to recover Last Resort Supply Payments), Ofgem were presently looking at the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) Levy charges, noting that they are currently claimed through network charges. Ofgem is exploring whether there may be a more appropriate method through the Retail Energy Code (REC).

Andrew Green (AG) asked why REC was being considered in relation to Modification 0687. LK said that Ofgem were exploring the most appropriate approach to manage recovery of SoLR Levy claims and utilising REC could be a more appropriate, targeted, efficient and cost effective solution. This is investigating a potentially alternative system approach, not necessarily an alternative solution.

Claire Louise Roberts (CLR) asked of Xoserve what the impact would be in relation to the possible deferral of the XRN relating to Modification 0687. Thomas Lineham (TL) explained that presently this was still in the design phase which would continue over the next couple of weeks and so the decision could presently still be delayed at this stage, until the next meeting on 11 November 2020. The build stage would not begin until after that date; the BER for the June 2021 release is being targeted to be brought to the December DSC Change Management Committee Meeting.

Paul Orsler (PO) said that he understood the status of the Ofgem timeline decision in relation to Modification 0692, he then asked when a response would be forthcoming regarding Modification 0687. LK said that realistically it was unlikely a decision would be reached by 11 November 2020.

CLR asked once a decision was made regarding Modification 0692S, would there still be a 6 months' lead-time. TL confirmed that yes there would be still be that lead-time period and that it would be included in the Change Packs when issued on 13 November 2020. He added that if a decision had not then been reached, resulting in a descoping of Modification 0692S, then the Change Pack would be subsequently updated in accordance with this decision and prior to circulation.

JR confirmed that the decision as to whether to descope XRN4941 Auto updates to Meter Read Frequency (Modification 0692S - Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency) could be delayed until the scheduled DSC Change Management Committee on 11 November. All were in agreement that this was the appropriate route. Thus, the vote for consideration at this meeting would be regarding descoping of one XRN only, namely XRN 4992.

Shipper Only Vote - Members were asked to vote on whether XRN 4992 (relating to Modification 0687) should be descoped out of XRN5253 for the June 2021 release or not descoped.

4 votes were cast in favour to descope from Shippers, 2 votes were cast not in favour to descope from Shippers.

A majority decision of 4 votes out of 6 was approved to descope:

Voting Outcome:	Shipper Only Vote	
Shipper Representatives	Voting Count	For/Against
Claire Louise Roberts	2	For
Andrew Green	2	Against
Alexander Mann	2	For
Total	6	For (A majority decision of 4 votes out of 6 was approved to descope)

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning

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

Meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
10:00 Wednesday 11 November 2020	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda
10:00 Wednesday 09 December 2020	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda