

**UNC Workgroup 0647 Minutes**  
**Opening Class 1 reads to Competition**  
**Thursday 26 April 2018**  
**at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

**Attendees**

|                             |       |                        |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Bob Fletcher (Chair)        | (BF)  | Joint Office           |
| Mike Berrisford (Secretary) | (MB)  | Joint Office           |
| Andy Clasper                | (AC)  | Cadent                 |
| Carl Whitehouse*            | (CWh) | First Utility          |
| Chris Warner                | (CW)  | Cadent                 |
| Claire Towler               | (CT)  | SSE                    |
| David Addison               | (DA)  | Xoserve                |
| David Mitchell              | (DM)  | SGN                    |
| Debbie Brace*               | (DB)  | National Grid          |
| Gareth Evans                | (GE)  | Waters Wye Associates  |
| George MacGregor*           | (GM)  | Utilita                |
| Graham Wood*                | (GW)  | Centrica               |
| Kirsty Dudley*              | (KD)  | E.ON                   |
| Lorna Lewin*                | (LL)  | Orsted                 |
| Nicky Rozier*               | (NR)  | BUUK                   |
| Richard Pomroy*             | (RP)  | Wales & West Utilities |
| Shanna Key                  | (SK)  | Northern Gas Network   |
| Steve Britton*              | (SB)  | Cornwall               |

\*via teleconference

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**1. Introduction and Status Review**

**1.1. Approval of Minutes (22 March 2018)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**2. Consideration of Amended Modification**

There was no amended modification to consider at the meeting.

**3. Development of Workgroup Report**

Consideration deferred.

**4. Review of Outstanding Actions**

**0301:** *Reference potential Gemini system impacts* - Xoserve (DA) and National Grid NTS (BV) to investigate potential NTS related impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects).

**Update:** DA provided an overview of the Xoserve *'Modification 0647 – Solution Options / Requirements'* presentation during which attention was focused initially on the *'Current Product Class 2 Process'* slide, during which DA advised that Xoserve believe that there could be an additional 300 – 400 sites post UNC Modification 0625 'Extension of 4 months to 10 months to transfer non-mandatory sites from Product Class 1' implementation.

Moving on to examine the *'Option 1'* slide, DA advised that he would provide the details of the XRN number for inclusion within the minutes after the meeting. He then went on to explain that the Change Request seeks to reflect the fact that where Shippers are currently obliged to provide three readings on the UDR file, this will change to providing two readings (on automatic meters). Currently DA is working with the IGEM to resolve site configuration aspects.

When asked whether these proposals potentially impact on Nexus asset configurations, DA confirmed this to be the case.

When asked, DA agreed to provide an updated presentation after the meeting.

Moving on again, to focus on the *'Option 2'* slide, DA confirmed that in essence the proposals treat Product Class 1 sites as a 'special' Product Class 2 for processing purposes, although they remain Product Class 1 for Code obligation purposes. GE suggested that how the system would actually cope with such a circumstance needs careful consideration.

When DA went on to point out that there are also some potential AUGÉ related considerations, CW wondered whether or not the modification should also look to address AUGÉ aspects. Responding, GE explained the AUGÉ's view that Product Class 1 sites do not steal gas, pointing out that the AUGÉ basis this view (logic) on site size related factors – in short the AUGÉ's view is that Product Class 1's do not steal gas whereas Class 2 (and by inference Product Classes 3 and 4) sites do.

As Proposer of the modification, RP pointed out that it is not Wales & West Utilities to look to address wider industry Code related aspects. It was suggested that perhaps all that is needed is to ensure that the Workgroup Report acknowledges the AUGÉ perspective and potential impacts on Option 2.

Focusing on the *'Others...?'* slide, RP noted that there are also some market competition implications that should be considered.

In considering the *'Preliminary Assessment of Options'* slide, DA acknowledged the previous AUGÉ concerns being voiced, before suggesting that it seems sensible to include an early submission time.

Moving on to consider the *'Other requirements?'* slide, DA asked parties to provide their views on the testing aspects. DA explained that he would look to discuss the transitional requirements with RP after the meeting, especially the potential utilisation of a 'hard cut-over' option.

RP suggested that the Workgroup would need to consider the transference of responsibility from Transporter to Shipper (inc. hard cut-over aspects) and wondered whether the CDSP could assist in the shorter term – parties to consider and provide views at the May 2018 meeting.

**New Action 0401: Joint Office (BF/MB) to ensure that 'Transitional Considerations' are added to the 24 May 2018 Workgroup agenda.**

As far as reporting was concerned, CW suggested that perhaps there would be value in seeking the views of the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC), especially around UIG aspects. Responding, RP advised that he has already requested that discussion of this modification is included on the 08 May 2018 PAC agenda.

BF asked parties to note that whilst PAC may have a view, they cannot move the matter forwards as that is down to development of the modification.

At this point, SK explained that as Northern Gas Networks 'own' rather than 'rent' their DM Meter Reading assets, they have a subtly different set of requirements. RP requested that SK ensures that this is fed into Workgroup discussions going forwards, especially any implementation timescales and commercial considerations.

RP explained that S Mulliganie has requested that any implementation date be before the winter period – it was noted that a June 2019 ‘target’ might be tight.

RP then went on to explain that he would look to formally raise the DSC Change Proposal once he has received feedback. When BF advised that the iGTs have indicated that there maybe some iGT related impacts, NR explained that the iGTs are currently monitoring the progress being made and are awaiting the provision of legal text before committing one way or another – as long as the obligations reside with Shippers and not the iGTs, she does not believe there would be any problems. It was noted that the iGTs may raise an equivalent modification in due course.

CW suggested that the current provisions could be removed from the IGTAD and thereafter, the iGT Code would simply point across to the UNC provisions. RP explained that he anticipates undertaking some amendments to UNC 0647 to take into account the iGT impacts.

In referring to the previous National Grid NTS concerns relating to impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects), DA explained that following consideration Xoserve has not found an issue. DB explained that she would be checking with her colleagues after the meeting. **Carried Forward**

**DX 0302:** *Reference potential Gemini system impacts* - Xoserve (DA) to provide examples of Class 1 and 2 ‘process comparisons’ and explicitly articulate the criteria for DMC.

**Update:** DA explained that Xoserve expect this provision to continue. **Closed**

**0303:** Wales & West Utilities (RP) to investigate any GM7 (part B) related requirements and implications prior to inclusion in an updated iteration of the modification.

**Update:** RP explained that work remains ongoing on the action and that he would also be considering pulse output aspects, although he is still awaiting internal WWU confirmation.

In suggesting that pulse output is really a Shipper matter, CW suggested that it is the ‘chatterbox’ aspects that concern him to ensure a pulse pass through was made available.

CW enquired what the Workgroup expects to see included within Code, especially how we get any automated reads into the system, as current Code states that the Transporters have to install equipment in order to get the reads in – the question is what happens when Shippers take on these obligations? Responding, GE suggested that this is a Product Class 2 consideration.

CW then provided a brief overview of the current Code equipment provisions and how these maybe transferred over to Shippers and suggested that care would be needed in order to tease out Code aspects. **Carried Forward**

**0304:** Xoserve (DA) to provide an Impact Assessment matrix outlining the various process related timing trigger changes (i.e. data submission and validation aspects).

**Update:** It was agreed that this had been largely covered off during consideration of the Xoserve presentation for action 0301 above. **Closed**

**0305:** All DNs to consider and provide a view on how pulse output aspects will work in practice.

**Update:** It was agreed that this matter would be considered during the ongoing development of the modification within the Workgroup. **Closed**

## 5. Next Steps

In summarising discussions, BF noted that the next steps would be:

- Consideration of amended modification;
- Consideration of AUGÉ implications;
- Consideration of commercial arrangements, and
- Consideration of iGT impacts (inc. IGTAD Section O review)

**6. Any Other Business**

None.

**7. Diary Planning**

*Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)*

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

| Time / Date                   | Venue   | Workgroup Programme   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 10:30 Thursday<br>24 May 2018 | Joint Office, Solihull – venue to be confirmed. | Standard Agenda items + <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of amended modification;</li><li>• Consideration of AUGE implications;</li><li>• Consideration of commercial arrangements, and</li><li>• Consideration of iGT impacts (inc. IGTAD Section O review)</li></ul> |

**Action Table (as at 26 April 2018)**

| <b>Action Ref</b> | <b>Meeting Date</b> | <b>Minute Ref</b> | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Owner</b>                          | <b>Status Update</b>              |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0301              | 22/03/18            | 1.2               | <i>Reference potential Gemini system impacts</i> - Xoserve (DA) and National Grid NTS (BV) to investigate potential NTS related impacts and provision of data to satisfy Gemini requirements (inc. DNO/DMC aspects). | Xoserve (DA) & National Grid NTS (BV) | <b>Carried Forward</b>            |
| 0302              | 22/03/18            | 1.2               | <i>Reference potential Gemini system impacts</i> - Xoserve (DA) to provide examples of Class 1 and 2 'process comparisons' and explicitly articulate the criteria for DMC.   | Xoserve (DA)                          | Update provided.<br><b>Closed</b> |
| 0303              | 22/03/18            | 1.2               | To investigate any GM7 (part B) related requirements and implications prior to inclusion in an updated iteration of the modification.  | Wales & West Utilities (RP)           | <b>Carried Forward</b>            |
| 0304              | 22/03/18            | 1.2               | To provide an Impact Assessment matrix outlining the various process related timing trigger changes (i.e. data submission and validation aspects).   | Xoserve (DA)                          | Update provided.<br><b>Closed</b> |
| 0305              | 22/03/18            | 1.2               | To consider and provide a view on how pulse output aspects will work in practice.  | All DNs                               | Update provided.<br><b>Closed</b> |
| 0401              | 26/04/18            | 4.                | To ensure that 'Transitional Considerations' are added to the 24 May 2018 Workgroup agenda.  | Joint Office (BF/MB)                  | <b>Pending</b>                    |