

UNC 0666 (Urgent) Workgroup Minutes
**Establishment of a CSS Bid Group for CDSP central switching
system bid activities**
Tuesday 28 August 2018
Via Teleconference

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(KJ)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Adam Iles	(AI)	Centrica
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Darren Lond	(DL)	National Grid
David Tennant	(DT)	Dentons
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lesley Bowen	(LB)	EDF Energy
Lindsay Biginton	(LBI)	Utilita
Sally Hardman	(SH)	SGN

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The Final Modification Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel on 10 September 2018.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Chris Shanley (CS) welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Andy Miller (AM) to provide a brief introduction to the modification.

AM introduced the modification and explained that Xoserve is intending to bid for some of the Central Switching Services (CSS). The costs of the bid activity are being funded 100% by Shipper Users under the Data Services Contract (DSC).

As the existing DSC Committees do not allow discussion of a confidential nature a new group is required to be established to enable confidential matters to be discussed.

The new CSS Bid Group will be created on a short-term basis and will not be subject to Network Code Sub-Committee rules.

AM explained that the relationship Xoserve has with GTs, iGTS and Shipper users is through the DSC. This modification is to establish a new Shipper only group under DSC and which will not be required to report into any UNC/DSC Groups.

The new CSS Bid Group would be chaired and the secretariat support provided by the CDSP. It is intended to only be a transitional group and the new service line is fully funded by Shipper Users.

2.0 Initial Discussion

No initial discussion of the modification.

3.0 Issues and Questions from Panel

3.1. Consider A15a and other licence conditions in the formation of this bid and subsequent activities

AM confirmed that this question is not relevant for this modification but will need to be discussed following the submission of a further modification which would consider the arrangements required if a CSS Bid was to be successful. A new modification is expected to be raised in the next few weeks.

4.0 Review of Suggested Legal text

David Tennant (DT) reiterated that all the changes are in connection with the Data Services Contract, CDSP Service Documents and CDSP Service Description.

There are 2 minor changes to the CDSP Service Description table at paragraph 3.2.3 and a new service line within Annex A

The table at 3.1.1 in the Budget and Charging Methodology will also be amended at line 23.

DT explained that the legal text changes are solely in relation to the creation of the new CSS Bid Group and do not cover any governance changes that might be needed in the future.

The other changes are in relation to the Transitional Arrangements document with regards to paragraph 1.5.2 and the inclusion of a new paragraph (h) which sets out the arrangements concerning the CSS Bid Group. This new paragraph covers the following areas:

- Establishment and function
- Constitution
- Decisions
- Proceedings of the CSS Bid Group.

Joanna Ferguson (JF) sought clarification of how the arrangements would work in practice. DT clarified that this is simply setting up a group of Shipper representatives to discuss the CSS bid with the CDSP. JF sought further clarification of whether this modification changes DSC main terms and conditions Section 12.5a in relation to customer indemnity.

CS also highlighted a minor typographical error in the document titles DSC proposed service line. The modification referenced under Service Area 23: CSS Bid Services should be 0666 and not 0665. AM/EL agreed to correct this.

It was agreed that DT and AM would check this and if any changes are required to the legal text these would be submitted to Chris Warner for consideration and published on the Joint Office website by 30 August 2018.

5.0 Next Steps

CS confirmed that the consultation will commence on 30 August 2018 and close at 5pm on 06 September 2018. The Modification Panel will convene on 10 September 2018 to discuss the consultation responses and consider whether or not to recommend the modification for implementation. A decision from Ofgem is expected by 13 September 2018.