

Gas Customer Forum

Project Nexus xoserve update (as of 18 October 2010) 25th October 2010

What is Project Nexus?

- xoserve's Project Nexus is gathering industry requirements for the nature and scope of its services
- Aim is to ensure xoserve's services support the future shape of the gas industry
- Current activities are focused on defining detailed requirements to support current and future AMR sites
- Also closely monitoring progress of Ofgem's Smart Metering Implementation Programme
- Need to assess impact of SMIP on the future of xoserve's services

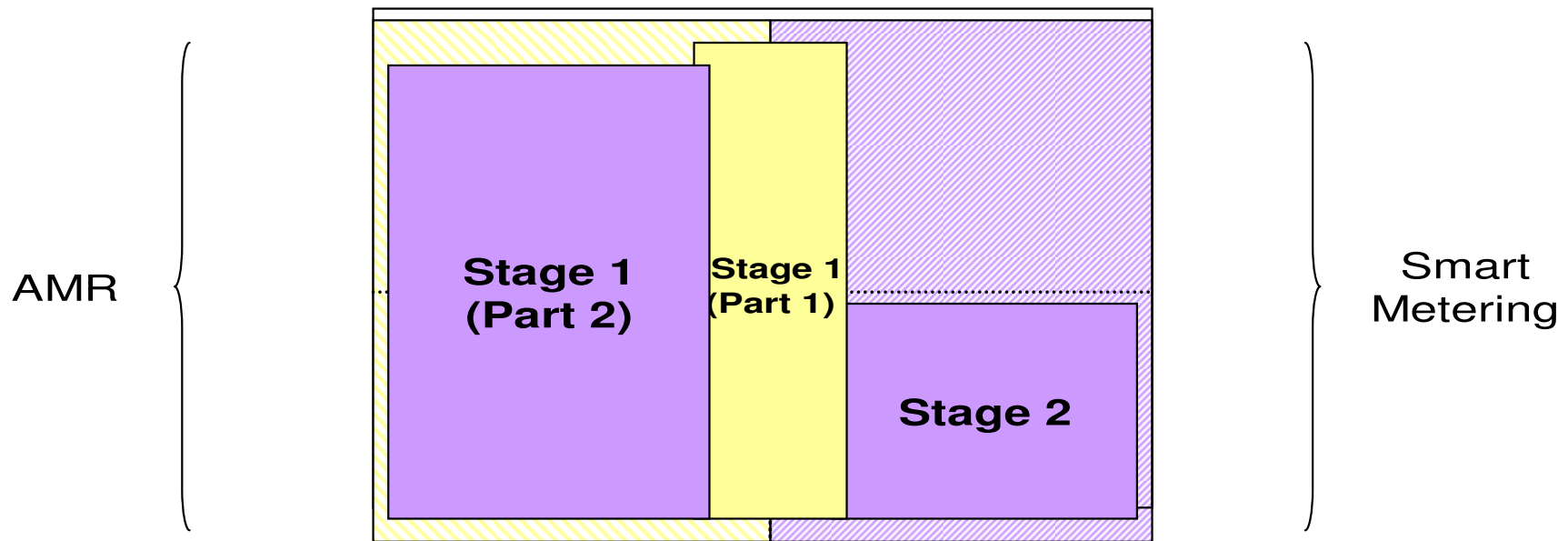
Project Nexus

Topics fall into two categories (revisited)

Category	Topic	Industry Framework
Within prevailing scope of agency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier Switching • Market Differentiation • New Connections Process • Increased Reads • Reconciliation • AQ Management • Volume Capture • Invoicing Rules • Retrospective Updates • Non-functional • Data management (non-Smart) 	Uniform Network Code
Outside prevailing scope of agency services	• iGT Services	iGT Uniform Network Code and iGT / GT licence
	• Data Management (including central store for smart metering data)	Smart Metering aspects covered under Smart Metering Implementation Programme

Project Nexus – Approach (in order to ‘dovetail’ with SMIP)

Define Principles & AMR Requirements



Project Nexus Original Scope

Progress since the last meeting (July 2010)

- Project Nexus Advisory Group (PNAG)
 - Only one meeting has taken place – 23rd August 2010
 - Reviewed the approach to Project Nexus in light of the SMIP Prospectus
 - Recommended to continue with hybrid approach at present, align with conclusion from SMIP Phase 1 in early January 2011
 - This approach appropriate until Ofgem decision on potential Significant Code Review for Smart metering process

Progress since the last meeting (July 2010)

- Project Nexus Workstream (PNUNC)
 - Principle Topic Workgroups (Stage 1 - Part 1)
 - All principle topic areas (AQ, Allocation, Reconciliation & Retrospective Updates) have reached their initial conclusions
 - More detailed analysis will take place during Stage 2
 - Findings have been passed onto the SMIP and Project Nexus is referenced in the SMIP Prospectus
 - Further information can be found at:
 - <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/nexus/2010>

Progress since the last meeting (July 2010)

- Project Nexus Workstream (PNUNC)
 - Two further meetings have taken place
 - 3rd September – adopted way forward recommended by PNAG – continue with hybrid approach
 - 15th September – agreed that there was insufficient scope to commence an Invoicing Principles Workgroup

Progress since the last meeting (April 2010)

- PNUNC Principle Topic Workgroups (Stage 1 - Part 2)
 - AMR Detailed Requirements Workgroup
 - Further 6 meetings have taken place
 - Currently defining 4 parallel meter reading processes for AMR sites ranging from large DM to small NDM
 - Based on additional requirements over and above Daily Metering Elective
 - Unbundling of DM Metering Services to be progressed under Distribution Workstream (i.e. not Project Nexus)
 - SPA topic discussions
 - Additional Nomination Enquiry. Detailed business rules and requirements captured for 'Potential Shipper requests consumption (kwh) for Supply Point' after Suppliers have first gained customer's permission – will be discussed with Gas Customer Forum
 - Further information can be found at:
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Next Steps – The way forward

- PNUNC

- Continue with agreed scope & PNUNC timetable
 - Will take until mid November 2010
 - Additional meetings have been planned for October and November
- Remaining topics to be completed
 - Ratchets & Reconciliation
 - Market Differentiation
- Align/reconcile with outcome from Stage 1 of the SMIP, due January 2011

- PNAG

- Continue seeking advice from the industry on stakeholder involvement, including the interaction with the SMIP
 - Next meeting mid November 2010

Gas Customer Forum - Involvement

- Ongoing contribution to Project Nexus
 - Nominated Peter Thompson as Project Nexus representative
 - Customer Representative has been attending PNUNC and its topic workgroups
 - Customer Representative attended PNAG meeting
- Discussion of additional Supply Point Enquiry requirement at today's meeting