

**UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday 23 May 2012**  
**at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF) Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC) Joint Office
Dave Parker	(DP) EDF Energy
Fiona Cottam	(FC) Xoserve
Joseph Lloyd	(JL) Xoserve
Leyon Joseph	(LJ) Scotia Gas Networks
Louise Gates (User Member)	(LG) EDF Energy
Louise Hellyer	(LH) Total
Mark Perry	(MP) Xoserve
Matt Jackson	(MJ) British Gas
Mo Rezvani (User Member)	(MR) SSE
Paul Tuxworth (Transporter Member)	(PT) National Grid NTS

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**1. Confirmation of membership and apologies for absence**

The meeting was declared quorate.

**2. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting**

**2.1. Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**2.2. Actions**

**DE0401:** Shippers to trial Options A and CE and produce and present analysis and results.

**Update:** Ongoing. **Carried Forward.**

**DE0402:** Xoserve to publish the Demand Estimation sample data from last year used for gas year 2011/12.

**Update:** MP confirmed that Xoserve have published the sample data from last year and will publish another 12 months of data next week. **Complete.**

**DE0403:** a) Xoserve to update the Weather Station Substitution Methodology Technical Requirements document; and b) JO to publish for review/comment (within 7 days) and invite member approval by email.

**Update:** FC confirmed that this has been finalised and will be used for the tender process. **Complete.**

**DE0404:** ~~Contact Chris Warner (National Grid Distribution)~~ DESC members to establish appropriate contacts and provide a view on the procurement of non-Transporter data for samples as permitted under Modification 0258A.

**Update:** FC confirmed that National Grid had received limited support when raised at the Distribution Workgroup as it was considered that the Meter Asset Managers would need to be approached. FC explained that the UNC allows for the collation of

data however it would still need to go through the same validation processes. The practicalities of this approach were considered. FC explained that the current sample is established from a random sample of customers, who are approached to participate in the collection of data, however the code modification is for sites that already have AMR and could provide the data for sampling. MR suggested that each Shipper member of DESC establish within their own organisation who would be the most appropriate contact. It was agreed to amend this action for DESC Shippers/Suppliers to establish a view. It was considered if previous sites that have been lost from the data sample could be first approached if AMR equipment was still present, or where Smart Meters have been installed if the supplier would be prepared to provide the data. **Carried Forward.**

**DE0405:** Use of non-Transporter data samples (Modification 0258A) - Provide details of Electricity Modification P223 for review and discussion.

**Update:** MR confirmed that the document would be provided to Xoserve. **Closed**

**3. Project Nexus – New Allocation Algorithm**

This item was deferred until July.

**4. Modification 0330 – Delivery of additional analysis and derivation of Seasonal normal weather**

**Weather Station Substitution Methodology Technical Requirements**

Xoserve provided [the Draft Weather Substitution Methodology](#). The clause relating to replication of the methodology had been revised with Shippers' input before the meeting, and it was agreed that the Technical Requirements were now fit for purpose and could be used as the basis for procurement of a service.

**5. Any Other Business**

**7.1 EUC Number Extension**

MP reminded DESC that the EUC number numeric code is being extended to a five-digit code for gas year 2012/13 onwards.

**6. Diary Planning**

Date	Time	Venue	Programme
Wednesday 11 July 2012	10:30	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of NDM Proposals and Report</li> </ul>
Wednesday 01 August 2012 (provisional)	10:30	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT / Teleconference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of representations received (if any) and consideration of response(s)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 07 November 2012	10:30	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 - SF and WCF</li> </ul>

**Action Log: Demand Estimation Sub-committee**

<b>Action Ref*</b>	<b>Meeting Date(s)</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
<b>DE0401</b>	04/04/12	4.0	Shippers to trial Options A and C and produce and present analysis and results.	All Shippers	Carried Forward
<b>DE0402</b>	04/04/12	4.0	Publish the Demand Estimation sample data from last year used for gas year 2011/12.	Xoserve (FC, MP, and JL)	<b>Complete</b>
<b>DE0403</b>	04/04/12	5.0	a) Xoserve to update the Weather Station Substitution Methodology Technical Requirements document;  b) JO to publish for review/comment (within 7 days) and invite approval by email.	Xoserve (FC)  JO (BF)	<b>Complete</b>
<b>DE0404</b>	04/04/12	7.0	Minimising Losses of Xoserve AMR Equipment - DESC members to establish appropriate contacts and provide a view on the procurement of non-Transporter data for samples as permitted under Modification 0258A.	DESC	Carried Forward
<b>DE0405</b>	04/04/12	7.0	Use of non-Transporter data samples (Modification 0258A) - Provide details of Electricity Modification P223 for review and discussion.	SSE (MR)	<b>Closed</b>