

UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes
Tuesday 17 May 2016
Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HC)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Anupa Purewal	(AP)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colin Thomson*	(CT)	Scotia Gas Networks (Member)
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve (Alternate)
Jason Blackmore	(JB)	British Gas (Member)
Joe Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MP)	Xoserve
Matt Jenks*	(MJ)	RWE npower
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK (Member)
Tony Davey	(TD)	SSE (Member)

Apologies

Fiona Speak	(FS)	RWE npower (Member)
Andy Smith	(AS)	British Gas
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities

* via teleconference

Copies of papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC/170516>

1. Introduction**1.1. Apologies for absence**

Andy Smith, Fiona Speak and Richard Pomroy.

1.2 Note of Alternates

Fiona Cottam (Xoserve) for Transporter Wales & West Utilities.

2. Review of Minutes (16 February 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Modification 0565 - Central Data Services Provider: General framework and obligations**3.1 Review proposed changes to UNC TPD Section H**

CW provided an overview of the UNC Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) Workgroup Project and the aspiration to bring more transparency and democracy around the provision of central data services. This will involve changes to the Transporter's Licence and the UNC required for 01 April 2017.

CW provided a background to the work undertaken to date by the various workgroups that have been involved. He confirmed a modification had been raised to amend the UNC and create a new contractual framework to govern the services provided by the Central Data

Service Provider (CDSP), he explained that the provision of services will be governed through a separate Data Service Contract (DSC), which all parties will need to accede to.

CW emphasised that there will still be one CDSP (Xoserve) to operate the central systems. He explained that Xoserve will not be referred to within the UNC the UNC will refer to the CDSP and the DSC, and there will be a separate suite of documents for parties to sign onto to receive services.

CW explained that the term Transporter currently used through-out the UNC will need to be reviewed and where applicable replaced with CDSP. He explained that there will be instances where the term Transporter will still be used to differentiate the services the CDSP provides to meet discreet Transporter obligations. He clarified that the CDSP will not become a UNC party, this will be controlled through the DSC contract.

CW briefly outlined the governance process for changing the UNC and the DSC and provided the proposed draft amendments to Section H.

DESC Members considered the proposed changes to Section H and provided feedback on they areas they believed needed further consideration.

SB questioned under section H1.6.2 (c) – why the Transporter would be responsible for selecting sample sites. SB suggested that it would be more appropriate for the CDSP to select sample sites. FC explained the process Xoserve undertake to provide lists of candidate sites to Transporters from which to select. It was agreed that further consideration should be made on the party responsible for selecting the sample.

Action DESC/0565 0501: National Grid to consider TPD H1.6.2 and the management / treatment / selection of sample sites and sample data.

SB enquired about CSEP supply points and the provision of sample data from CSEP sites. SB challenged the insertion of section H1.6.10 that was made under Modification 0440. CW clarified to remove any Modification 0440 insertions a separate modification would be required. He explained that there might be some additional considerations required outside the scope Modification 0565, however he wished to keep these separated to avoid widening the scope of the changes. CW and SB agreed to consider section H1.6.10 offline to understand the reason for the insertion and whether a further modification would be required to amend the text.

SB highlighted the reference to ‘Transporters and Users’ within section H1.8.6 which had not been amended to ‘the Parties’ in line with other references to ‘Users and Transporters’. It was understood that this particular reference may be associated to the Panel and UNCC membership and may require to be referenced differently.

Action DESC/0565 0502: National Grid to consider the reference to ‘Transporters and Users’ in TPD H1.8.6 and whether it should refer to ‘the Parties’ or not.

SB questioned the intent of section H1.15.1 and listing the services undertaken. SB challenged the consequences if an element had been missed within section H1.15.1. She suggested additional elements should be included such as the Weather Station Substitution Methodology, the Climate Change Methodology and Unidentified Gas (UIG).

Action DESC/0565 0503: National Grid to consider TPD H1.15.1 having an accurate summary and incorporating all the services undertaken.

SB enquired about the procurement of weather forecasts under section H5 – Daily Demand Forecasting. FC challenged whether the forecast and recorded weather data would be the responsibility of the CDSP. FC’s view was this should be left as an obligation on the Transporter not on the CDSP, as Xoserve is currently an additional named party in the Transporters’ weather contracts.

Action DESC/0565 0504: National Grid to reconsider TPD H5 and the provision of weather forecasting obligations to ensure it does not contradict section H1.4.9.

4. Next Steps

CW confirmed that further considerations and amendments would be made to TPD section H, and subsequent version will be presented for DESC consideration at the next DESC meeting on 06 July 2016.

5. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2016

Time/Date	Venue	Meeting	Programme
10:00, Wednesday 22 June 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	DESC TWG	Review Technical Workgroup responses to draft proposals and agree key messages for DESC
10:00, Wednesday 06 July 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	DESC	Review and Approval of 2016/2017 NDM Algorithms as recommended by the Technical Workgroup Modification 0565 - UNC TPD Section H changes Communication of Key Messages
10:00, Tuesday 26 July 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	DESC	Response to industry representations on 2016/2017 NDM Algorithms Review of Autumn/Winter ad hoc Work Plan 2016/2017 Modification 0565 - UNC TPD Section H changes Communication of Key Messages
10:00, Tuesday 15 November 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	DESC	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance NDM Sample Update Communication of Key Messages

DESC Action Table (17 May 2016)					
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DESC/0565 0501	17/05/16	3.0	National Grid to consider TPD H1.6.2 and the management / treatment / selection of sample sites and sample data.	National Grid (CW)	Pending
DESC/0565 0502	17/05/16	3.0	National Grid to consider the reference to 'Transporters and Users' in TPD H1.8.6 and whether it should refer to 'the Parties' or not	National Grid (CW)	Pending
DESC/0565 0503	17/05/16	3.0	National Grid to consider TPD H1.15.1 having an accurate summary and incorporating all the services undertaken.	National Grid (CW)	Pending
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			<i>None outstanding</i>		