

## UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes

### Thursday 18 June 2013

### via Teleconference

#### Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HC)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont(Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Dave Parker	(DP)	EDF Energy
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve (Alternate)
Fred Bauer	(FB)	Met Office
James Hanks	(JH)	EDF Energy (Alternate)
Malcolm Lee	(ML)	Met Office
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MP)	Xoserve
Matt Perry	(MPe)	Met Office
Matthew Jackson	(MJa)	British Gas (Member)
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK (Member)
Zoe Ireland	(ZI)	British Gas

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#### 1. Introduction

The meeting was declared quorate.

##### 1.1. Apologies for absence

M Rezvani (SSE), C Warner (National Grid Distribution), P Tuxworth (National Grid Transmission), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) and R Pomroy (Wales & West Utilities)

##### Note of Alternates

J Hanks for L Gates (EDF Energy), and F Cottam (Xoserve); for C Warner (National Grid Distribution), P Tuxworth (National Grid Transmission), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) and R Pomroy (Wales & West Utilities)

#### 2. Status Review

##### 2.1. Minutes

The minutes from the previous DESC meetings (10 May 2013 and 06 June 2013) were approved.

##### 2.2. Actions

**DE0202:** *Modification 0330* - DESC members to provide suggestions for potential service providers.

**Update: Update:** It was agreed to leave this action open until a final decision had been made regarding a Service Provider. **Carried Forward**

**DE0501:** Xoserve to instruct the Met Office to update the Weather Station Substitution methodology, and provide a new document.

**Update:** MP advised that a new document had been provided for today's meeting, following approval a finalised version will be published on the UK Link website (under UK Link documents) and an email notifying the link will sent to parties. **Complete**

**3. Acceptance of the final Weather Station Substitution Methodology document**

FC outlined the background to the document under consideration, the final draft of which was published on 12 June 2013 for review and comment. All participants indicated their approval.

*Next Steps*

FC confirmed that the Met Office would now take the methodology and develop a baseline industry dataset for the 26 weather stations approved in the specification; this was likely to take around 6 weeks, following which DESC will be asked to review and approve the dataset.

**4. Replacement for Hulme Library**

FC referred to a paper circulated on behalf of the MET Office for consideration of the options. Following a brief discussion on the various elements of risk involved, a preference was expressed for Option 2, ie to use Rostherne as the replacement.

It was recognised that the remaining term of Hulme Library’s active service was unpredictable and should it fail at any point it cannot be restored. FC observed that the Weather Station Methodology should enable DESC to address this situation, while not a closure as such; and bearing in mind that Rostherne had only been in operation for 12 months so much of the data might be simulated.

It was suggested that the DESC plan to reduce the risk (assuming Hulme Library does not fail in the meantime) by considering migration for the 2014/15 Gas Year, using the new methodology.

**5. Any Other Business**

**5.1 Draft NDM proposals**

MP reminded participants of the agenda for the next DESC Technical Workgroup meeting (26 June 2013) and requested that any comments on the draft proposals be forwarded to Xoserve as soon as possible and in advance of the meeting.

**6. Diary Planning**

Meetings will take place as follows:

**DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2013**

Date	Time	Venue	Meeting	Programme
Wednesday 26 June 2013	09:30	Teleconference	<b>DESC TWG</b>	Review all responses to draft NDM proposals and agree key messages for DESC
Wednesday 10 July 2013	10:30	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	<b>DESC</b>	Review and Approval of 2013/14 NDM Algorithms as recommended by TWG  To discuss NDM proposals review and NDM report seeking approval to prepare publication for wider industry
Wednesday 31 July 2013	09:30	Teleconference	<b>DESC</b>	<i>(If required)</i> Review industry representations to 2013/14 NDM algorithms

				and consider response
Wednesday 13 November 2013	10:30	Energy Networks Association (ENA), Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	<b>DESC</b>	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 - SF and WCF  Re-Evaluation of Model Smoothing methodology

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

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
<b>DE0202</b>	11/02/13	5.	<i>Modification 0330</i> -Members to provide suggestions for potential service providers.	DESC Members	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>DE0501</b>	10/05/13	3.	Xoserve to instruct the Met Office to update the Weather Station Substitution methodology, and provide a new document.	Xoserve (FC)	<b>Complete</b>

**Action Table: Demand Estimation Sub-committee – Technical Workgroup**

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
<b>DTW0403</b>	24/04/13	4	<i>'Improvements Log'</i> - Xoserve to update for review at the DESC meeting on 10 July 2013.	Xoserve (FC/MP)	<b>Carried Forward</b>