

UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes
10.00am Tuesday 26 July 2016
via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andy Smith	(AS)	British Gas
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Jason Blackmore	(JB)	British Gas (Member)
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Caroline Von Neipperg	(CVN)	Total Gas & Power
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MP)	Xoserve (Transporter Alternate)
Martin Attwood	(MA)	Xoserve
Nick Barr	(NB)	Total Gas & Power
Rob Nickerson	(RN)	National Grid NTS (Member)
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK (Member)
Tony Davey	(TD)	SSE (Member)

Apologies

Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid (Member)
Fiona Speak	(FS)	RWE npower (Member)
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Scotia Gas Networks (Member)
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities (Member)

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1. Introduction**1.1 Note of Alternates**

Mark Perry (Xoserve) for Transporters: National Grid Distribution, Northern Gas Networks Scotia Gas Networks, and Wales & West Utilities.

2. Review of Minutes (06 July 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. 2016/2017 NDM Algorithms Response to Industry representations

MP referred to the DESC Models 2016 presentation which provided a summary of the 2016 timetable, a summary of comments/responses, the next steps and details of where to find the Demand Estimation data. MP confirmed following the last meeting, a note had been issued to the industry on 07 July 2016 advising that the proposals for the Gas Year 2016/17 were available for review and comment. MP confirmed that no representations had been received from the wider industry and DESC are now in a position to approve the final models.

DESC members provided unanimous approval to finalising the Gas Year 2016/17 model proposals.

Next Steps

MP confirmed, Xoserve, on behalf of DESC, would inform the industry that the proposed models are now final and by 15 August 2016, Xoserve will submit the interface files to key systems.

4. Review of Autumn/Winter ad hoc Work Plan 2016/17

MP referred to the DESC Workplan 2016 - 2017 presentation and highlighted the activities due to be performed as part of the standard work programme. In addition Xoserve explained the work which had been identified for supporting UK Link replacement, including, ongoing simulation of UG levels prior to the implementation of Nexus, establishing a process for Algorithm Performance measures for the 'new world' algorithm, and working on an update to modelling systems to accommodate the new UK Link data structure. MP also summarised the items on the Adhoc work areas log, which contains some outstanding items from previous years, which are awaiting prioritisation

Members were asked for their views. JB had observed changes in the Summer cut-offs and stability of these from year to year and asked if some analysis could be undertaken on the stability of Summer cut-offs. SB understood this was item two on the adhoc work area log (TWG23/05/12).

MP summarised the work areas Xoserve believed to be the main priorities, these were:

- Support to UK Link replacement, including ongoing simulation of UG levels
- Establish process for Algorithm Performance measures for 'new world' algorithm
- Update to modelling systems to accommodate new UK Link data structure
- Consider possible measures to improve algorithm performance over summer (encompassing adhoc work items 'TWG 23/05/12' and 'TWG 26/06/13')

DESC members supported the recommended work plan proposals.

JB explained that British Gas were undertaking a piece of work to understand the approach and methods used for CWV, and would like some assistance from Xoserve. MP confirmed that British Gas have contacted Xoserve about this work and that Xoserve were working with British Gas to find out more about their requirements.

5. Modification 0565 (Central Data Services Provider: General framework and obligations) - TPD Section H changes

MP confirmed that National Grid Distribution had provided an updated version of Section H, which reflected changes discussed at the previous meeting. See Action Updates (item 7.0)

AS enquired about some of the formulas, which appeared to have been marked up but with no actual changes within section H2.2.1. FC clarified that some of the mark-up would relate to the text submitted as part of Project Nexus. She confirmed there were no formula changes for Modification 0565.

6. Communication of Key Messages

MP confirmed the key decisions from today's meeting, which needed to be communicated to all UNC parties. SB also clarified that the UNCC would require an update on the agreed NDM Algorithms and the new set of profiles.

7. Review of Actions Outstanding

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

Update: MP confirmed the legal text had been updated. **Closed.**

DESC/0565 0701: *UNC TPD H1.15.1(c)* - CW to capture UIG in Section TPD H1.15.1.

Update: MP believed that this change had been captured in within UNC Section E1.14.1, and no further amendment would be required within Section H (Section E is available at:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0565/250716>). However, SB challenged that the calculation of UIG is not strictly captured in Section E, only subsequent reconciliation. Although Section E referred to the calculation of the Daily Imbalance, she believed that the building blocks are not clearly outlined in terms of the identification and initial calculation of UIG. The Workgroup considered how the daily imbalance was calculated and whether it was captured within Section E1.2. Xoserve agreed to liaise further with National Grid Distribution (CW) to ensure UIG had been appropriately captured within the 0565 legal text. **Carried Forward.**

DESC/0565 0702: *UNC TPD H1.14* - CW to consider whether it ought to refer to “Parties and Users”.

Update: MP confirmed that having sought a legal view a change was not required.
Closed.

DESC 0703: *UNC TPD H5.1.1* - SB to articulate Shippers’ concerns regarding the use of different weather stations by the CDSP and the Transporter and provide to CW for further consideration with the Transporters.

Update: SB confirmed a draft would be provided to National Grid Distribution (CW) in due course for further consideration. JL confirmed that at the previous meeting it was clarified that this change was outside of the scope of Modification 0565 and would need to be considered as a separate modification if required. **Carried Forward.**

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Communication route for notifications of negative NDM allocations - Update

MA provided an update on the proposed communication method for negative NDM allocations, referring to the February DESC meeting, where Xoserve proposed a change to move away from providing emails and use a scrolling banner on the Xoserve website. He confirmed that Xoserve have continued to issue emails and use the banner in parallel, however Xoserve now wished to phase out the emails.

SB confirmed she had no objection to relying on the banner. No objections were expressed from the DESC members for removing the use of email and continuing with the use of the banner. TD asked if Xoserve would confirm this via email to ensure all parties were aware of the change.

JB made a further enquiry about the detail of negative NDM allocations reported on the Xoserve website, in particular the incident in Wales North. MA explained the website communications do not give an in-depth view, more of an overview of an issue which is being investigated. He explained with the Wales North incident there is an issue with a DM (Daily Metered) site, which requires a UK Link update, and assured members this is being investigated. He clarified that all negative NDM allocations would normally be captured as part of Xoserve’s notification process.

8.2. DESC Terms of Reference

BF suggested that DESC should review the committee Terms of Reference and consider the changes that may be required in relation to the governance structures, management of alternate members, and how the CDSP may need to be featured at future DESC meetings with the changes expected under FGO and Modification 0565 proposals.

DESC agreed to take stock of the FGO Governance structure and how this may impact the DESC Terms of Reference going forward, in particular how demand estimation could be a UNC committee or a DSC committee and how the CDSP will be included.

It was agreed to table this as an agenda item for the November meeting.

9. 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, Tuesday 15 November 2016	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	DESC	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance NDM Sample Update Commence Spring Approach Communication of Key Messages DESC Terms of Reference
2017	<i>To be confirmed</i>		<i>To be confirmed</i>

DESC Action Table (as at 26 July 2016)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
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)	Closed
DESC/0565 0701	06/07/16	4.	<i>UNC TPD H1.15.1(c)</i> - CW to capture UIG in Section TPD H1.15.1	National Grid (CW)	Carried forward
DESC/0565 0702	06/07/16	4.	<i>UNC TPD H1.14</i> - CW to consider whether it ought to refer to "Parties and Users".	National Grid (CW)	Closed
DESC 0703	06/07/16	4.	<i>UNC TPD H5.1.1</i> - SB to articulate Shippers' concerns regarding the use of different weather stations by the CDSP and the Transporter and provide to CW for further consideration with the Transporters.	E.ON (SB)	Carried forward