

Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes
10.00 Wednesday 29 July 2015
via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Indre DeksnYTE	(ID)	Northern Gas Networks
Joel Lindop	(JLi)	EDF Energy
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Martin Attwood	(MA)	Xoserve
Penny Rowland	(PB)	E.ON
Rob Nickerson	(RN)	National Grid NTS
Tim Wong	(TW)	British Gas

Copies of papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC/290715>

1. Introduction, confirmation of membership and apologies for absence**1.1. Apologies for absence**

Sallyann Blackett E.ON UK.

Chris Warner, National Grid Distribution

1.2. Note of Alternates

Penny Rowland for Sallyann Blackett E.ON UK

Fiona Cottam for Transporters, National Grid Distribution, Scotia Gas Networks and Wales & West Utilities.

2. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting (08 July 2015)**2.1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.2. Actions

DTW0502: DESC and Xoserve to work together to look at ways to enhance the current data sets with a target to have additional data for October.

Update: FC stated work is being undertaken, and the results will be discussed in the meeting on 16 September 2015. *It was decided by the members this action should be transferred to DESC TWG. Closed.*

DE1201 (related to DTW0502 above): FC to prepare an email for circulation to the industry inviting parties to support DESC Technical Workgroup analysis and data sets (see Action DTW0502, above), if the use of Shipper data in the autumn validation exercise is a success.

Update: FC stated that this action is related to DTW0502 above and an update will be provided at the September meeting. *It was decided by the members this action should be transferred to DESC TWG. Closed.*

DE0501: FC to investigate with National Grid NTS adding the Unidentified Gas values on to the National Grid Data Website.

Update: FC explained this is on-going and asked for it to be deferred until the November meeting. **Carried forward.**

DE0701: DESC Members to consider future or additional strands on algorithm performance.

Update: FC stated this action has been added to the Work Plan and a 'Straw Person' will be available for the September meeting. *It was decided by the members this action should be transferred to DESC TWG.* **Closed.**

3. 2015/16 NDM Algorithms

FC stated that there had been no comments with regards to the proposed NDM Parameters that were issued for industry comments following the previous meeting.

FC stated that if all members were happy with the proposed NDM Parameters, then if DESC was able to approve it as Transporters have an obligation to publish prior to 15 August 2015.

3.1 Response to industry representations

FC explained that there had been a 'check point' meeting in June with the TWG and then subsequently with DESC. FC confirmed that as no comments had been received, no further amendments had been made since they were published in June. FC also clarified that an additional set of data had been published for information only: within the Modification 0432 rules the ALPs will not change, but that the DAFs will be changing, and so a set of parameters have already been prepared on this basis. However, the new implementation date of October 1st 2016 means that those parameters will not be required.

3.2 Decision to finalise proposals

Members voted unanimously that the final proposal should be accepted.

FC thanked all the members for their support in achieving their obligations.

4. Work Plans 2015/16

FC explained that each year DESC is asked to comment on what should be prioritised in the work plan and what specific analysis is required for the areas during the Winter period, and to decide which tasks are a priority for TWG to focus on.

FC provided an overview to the Work Plan presentation:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/DESC290715WorkSchedule.pdf>

and highlighted the standard Work Plan items and additional work for the Autumn/Winter period 2015/2016. FC presented the TWG adhoc work areas that were outstanding, together with the completed items.

FC stated that DESC are invited to review the standard work items and additional work that have been identified and to put forward other topics to be included into the schedule for the next period. FC then talked through the Xoserve recommendations and asked the members for their comments. PR stated with regards to the data aggregations item, could Xoserve look at the LDZ's groupings to try to reduce the amount of un-necessary groupings for the LDZ's. PR confirmed that with regards to the overall recommendations that E.ON were happy with the work plan proposal.

BF wanted to understand the relevance of keeping items on the plan from 2012 and why was the plan not refreshed each year so that priority items remain. FC confirmed this was a valid point and proposed the potential of looking at this in more detail in the next meeting. FC wanted to clarify that the low priority items would not be addressed during 2015/16 or 2016/17, due to the Project Nexus Implementation and the Gas Day Change. PR suggested grouping similar items together, and proposed still keeping these items 'live' until they were eventually resolved. JLi stated that 'outstanding' was not the best terminology as the actions had been outstanding for a long period of time and suggested an 'Awaiting Prioritisation' area together with an 'Appendix Section'. PR recommended this area is re-looked at in this period next year, due to the fact many of the changes will have taken place by then and some of the items might be able to be removed or replaced with more relevant topics.

Members voted unanimously that the Xoserve recommendations for the Work Plan should be accepted.

5. Any Other Business

6.1 None raised

6. Diary Planning

FC explained that a meeting had been proposed for 16 September 2015, to be used as a progress meeting for the Adhoc work areas. General discussion took place and it was decided that this date would be used for a DESC TWG meeting, as the areas for discussion were more pertinent to them.

DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2015

Time / Date	Venue	Meeting	Programme
10.00 Wednesday 16 September 2015	31 Homer Road	TWG	Shipper data validation First draft of Algorithm Performance Proposals – Post Nexus Data Aggregations
10:00 Tuesday 17 November 2015	31 Homer Road,	DESC	

DESC Action Table (29 July 2015)

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DTW0502 <i>(transferred to DESC TWG)</i>	21/05/14	DESC TWG 3.0	DESC and Xoserve to work together to look at ways to enhance the current data sets with a target to have additional data for October.	All	Transferred
DTW1201 <i>(related to DTW0502, above & transferred to DESC TWG)</i>	03/12/14	2.2	FC to prepare an email for circulation to the industry inviting parties to support DESC Technical Workgroup analysis and data sets.	Xoserve (FC)	Transferred

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DE0501	19/05/15	3.0	FC to investigate with National Grid NTS adding the Unidentified Gas values on to the National Grid Operational Data Website.	Xoserve (FC)	Carried forward
DTW0701 <i>(transferred to DESC TWG)</i>	08/07/15	4.0	DESC Members to consider future or additional strands on algorithm performance.	All parties	Transferred