
UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee
Technical Workgroup Minutes
Monday 04 March 2013
via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Chris Carberry	(CC)	Scottish Power
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Louise Gates (User Member)	(LG)	EDF Energy
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MPe)	Xoserve
Matthew Jackson (User Member)	(MJ)	British Gas
Mo Rezvani (User Member)	(MR)	SSE
Roy Malin (Transporter Alternate)	(RM)	National Grid Distribution
Richard Pomroy (Transporter Member)	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Tom Young (Alternate User Member)	(TY)	E.ON UK
Zoe Ireland	(ZI)	British Gas

**via teleconference*

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1. Confirmation of Membership and apologies for absence

The meeting was declared quorate.

1.1 Alternates appointed

Tom Young (E.ON) for S Blackett.

2. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting(s)

2.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2.2 Actions

DTW1201: Xoserve (FC) to produce a draft recommendation to the DESC that could be circulated for comment/approval by email.

Update: Action update deferred to 11 March 2013. **Carried Forward**

DTW1202: *Project Nexus New Allocation Algorithm* - Results of Option A, C and E to be presented in agreed format for remaining gas years for WM LDZ in order to compare results on 28 January 2013.

Update: Action update deferred to 11 March 2013. **Carried Forward**

DTW0101: Joint Office (BF) to add a new discussion item on to the forthcoming 11 February 2013 DESC meeting agenda.

Update: Done. **Closed**

3. Project Nexus – New Allocation Algorithm

3.1 Comparison of results for Options A, C and E

BF understood that there had been some data analysis however the options were not yet ready for consideration. FC provided a brief update on progress.

TY confirmed that data analysis had been undertaken and questions raised on the produced results, as the data was not as expected E.ON are looking at what other data can be sourced. Sample data has been collected, but a set of results has not yet been produced. Some extra data is being considered in terms of cleansing and tying the data together. E.ON expected to send the data to Xoserve for data comparison. FC confirmed that Xoserve would need to format the data and undertake a comparison.

The Workgroup considered the meeting schedule and agreed to meet again on 19 March 2013. They also considered if they were likely to reach agreement on this date and provisionally agreed an additional meeting date on 08 April 2013.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Weather Station Substitution Methodology

FC confirmed the weather station substitution methodology had been published on the UK Link secured area. She reminded parties that Xoserve had requested feedback on the MET office presentation by Friday 08 March and to feed comments through to Xoserve to enable finalisation of the document.

FC explained there was a more detailed presentation to go through some of the options to accompany the document published. Xoserve is hoping to obtain permission to publish the MET Office presentation.

5. Diary Planning

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

DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2013

Date	Time	Venue	Meeting	Programme
Monday 11 March 2013	10:30	31 Homer Road Solihull	DESC	To consider Climate Change Methodology requirements.
Thursday 14 March 2013	10:30	31 Homer Road Solihull	DESC	Ratify the Weather Station Methodology
Tuesday 19 March 2013	10:30	31 Homer Road Solihull	DESC TWG	Project Nexus Allocation consideration
Monday 08 April 2013	10:30	Solihull	DESC TWG	Additional Provisional meeting for Project Nexus Allocation consideration
Wednesday 24 April 2013	09:30	Teleconference	DESC	Confirm NDM modelling runs to take forward based on data

			TWG	aggregations and WAR band definitions.
Wednesday 22 May 2013	10:30	Solihull	DESC TWG	Review single year modelling results and provide approval to commence model smoothing stage.
Wednesday 26 June 2013	09:30	Teleconference	DESC TWG	Review all responses to draft NDM proposals and agree key messages for DESC.
Wednesday 10 July 2013	10:30	Solihull	DESC	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	DESC	(If required) 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	DESC	- Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 - SF & WCF - Re-Evaluation of Model Smoothing methodology.

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Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DE0201	11/02/13	4.0	Members to consider if they wish to submit comments to the Met Office on the management of Weather Station closures.	DESC Members	Pending
DE0202	11/02/13	5.0	Members to provide suggestions for potential service providers.	DESC Members	Pending
DE0203	11/02/13	5.0	Members to consider their requirements for Phase 2 in advance of the requirements gathering meeting to be held on 11 March 2013.	DESC Members	Pending

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DTW1201	05/12/12	3.2	<i>Project Nexus New Allocation Algorithm</i> - Produce a draft recommendation to the DESC that could be circulated for comment/approval by email.	Xoserve (FC)	Carried Forward
DTW1202	05/12/12	3.2	<i>Project Nexus New Allocation Algorithm</i> - Results of Option A, C and E to be presented in agreed format for remaining gas years for WM LDZ in order to compare results on 28 January 2013.	E.ON (SB), British Gas (CI), Xoserve (FC)	Carried Forward
DTW0101	28/01/13	2.2	To add a new discussion item on to the forthcoming 11 February 2013 DESC meeting agenda.	Joint Office (BF)	Closed