

UNC DSC Extraordinary Change Management Committee Minutes
Friday 22 July 2022
Via teleconference

Attendees			
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Shipper User Representatives (Voting)			
Claire Louise Roberts	(CLR)	Scottish Power	Class A Voting + Class C Voting
Oorlagh Chapman	(CM)	Centrica	Class A Voting
Lisa Saycell	(LS)	Gazprom Energy	Class B Voting
Ross Easton	(RE)	Total Gas & Power	Class B Voting + Class C Voting
Transporter Representatives (Voting)			
Sally Hardman + (Alternate for Guv Dosanjh)	(GD)	Cadent	DNO Voting
Tom Stuart	(TS)	Wales & West Utilities	DNO Voting
CDSP Change Management Representatives (Non-Voting)			
James Rigby	(JR)	Xoserve	
Observers/Presenters (Non-Voting)			
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent	
Clare Manning	(CM)	EON	
James Barlow	(JB)	Xoserve	
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	
Molly Hayley	(MH)	Xoserve	
Peter Hopkins	(PH)	Xoserve	
Rachel Taggart	(RT)	Xoserve	
Simon Harris	(Sha)	Xoserve	
Copies of all papers are available at: http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dsc-change/220722			

1. Introduction

Bob Fletcher (BF) welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed the meeting was quorate. It was noted that NTS and IGT representatives were not required to attend as the BER discussion was for a Shipper user funded change that might also be of interest to DNO members.

1.1. Apologies for absence

Guv Dosanjh, Cadent
Emma Smith, Xoserve

1.2. Alternates

Sally Hardman for Guv Dosanjh

1.3. Confirm Voting rights

BF confirmed the voting rights as detailed below:

Representative	Classification	Vote Count
Shipper		
Claire Louise Roberts	Shipper Class A & C	2 votes
Oorlagh Chapman	Shipper Class A	1 vote
Lisa Saycell	Shipper Class B	1 vote
Ross Easton	Shipper Class B & C	2 votes
Transporter		
Sally Hardman + Alternate Guv Dosanjh	DNO	1 vote
Tom Stuart	DNO	1 vote

1.4. Approval of Late Papers

There were no later papers.

2. Approval

2.1. BER for UK Link February 2023 Major Release

Peter Hopkins (PH) provided an overview of the BER costs and explained the following section outlines the proposed costs for XRN5533, including the previously agreed EQR for Design.

PH confirmed the overall cost for the UK Link February 2023 Major Release was £409,359,000. Please access the documentation via the link: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dsc-change/220722>

Lisa Saycell (LS) questioned the difference in XRN4990 from the estimated cost to the actual cost, and PH stated that difference was due to including the DDP interface testing costs, which had been previously excluded. PH added that it was in relation to the interface of UKLink and the development of Test scenarios as this was a new product interface.

Oolagh Chapman (OC) questioned the cost of £224,811.00 within XRN4900 and she stated that this cost seemed very high to move Class 2 and 3 to Class 4. OC questioned why Shippers were being asked to fund this cost.

PH explained that it was a new interface into UKLink and said this cost was higher as it was the first time this procedure would be instigated, and he noted that any potential future process testing is less likely to be so significant as this would provide the initial confidence testing.

OC said that in view of the fact other parties would benefit in the future, she did not see why this initial cost was 100% allocated to the Shippers, as opposed to being spit across all constituents. Claire Louise Roberts (CLR) and Sally Hardman (SH) concurred with this statement.

SH questioned why this change was not being funded by the DDP budget and Simon Harris (SHa) stated that there was presently no interface from DDP into UKLink and that would be feeding from the DDP into UKLink and that this had not taken place previously.

OC reiterated that this would be a new delivery route and once the gateway was open then it would be used by other parties, so she was still perplexed as to why the change still had to be 100% funded by the Shippers when there was a potential benefit for all.

OC added that she required this decision to be deferred and added that she wanted more granular costs for XRN4990, i.e., the breakdown and split of the costs for future, test codes, DDP costs, future split and what costs were included. Ross Easton (RE) concurred with this request.

SH asked as this was a fundamental change to the DDP, why was this not being funded by Correla. PH stated the output was not changing and this was the reason Correla were not funding it.

PH stated that the costs could be split out, and the latest date for a decision would have to be Friday 29 July 2022 to gain approval and still meet the defined go live date of February 2023.

SH asked why the test costs were so much higher than other changes, and she added she thought these costs were split across all parties, and she questioned if the process had changed since the split of Correla and Xoserve. PH confirmed nothing had changed since the split and advised the costs were in connection with the penetration costs for XRN4990 and so these costs would not split.

New Action 0701: Xoserve (PH/JR) to provide a detailed cost breakdown of XRN4900 in relation to Test Costs,

1. identifying what costs are specific to the change should the interface tests not be in scope; and
2. what costs are specific to testing the new interface over and above those required for the change.

James Rigby (JR) stated that the discussions were very worthwhile, although he had concerns about this situation setting a precedent when working on new XRN for releases in the future, and that this needed to be investigated, so as not to impede future approvals.

BF advised that as this vote had originally been deemed as a Shipper vote only, there was now an issue that the NTS and IGT representatives were not aware of the discussions or that the costs could be split between all parties if a different approach was adopted. BF noted that this development would have to be communicated to them via Xoserve to ensure they were fully briefed prior to the next extraordinary meeting due to be held on Friday 29 July 2022 at 10.00am.

New Action 0702: DSC Change Management Committee (all) to consider if the principles for allocating costs against changes should be amended where there is an identified benefit for future changes.

New Action 0703: Xoserve (JR) to communicate to all DSC Change Management Committee Members on Monday 25 July 2022 updating the position of the BER for UK Link February 2023 Major Release, in readiness for the Extraordinary meeting on Friday 29 July 2022.

BF questioned the costs in the Modification in relation to the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) and JR stated this had been assigned in 2019 and was up to £220k. BF also noted that if the interface did not get built in the required timeline, then this would delay the implementation of the Modification. BF stated if this was likely, then the DSC ChMC would have to write to the UNCC to explain the reason for the delay.

All Shippers approved the decision to defer the vote until Friday 29 July 2022.

3. Any Other Business

There was no AOB discussed.

4. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time/Date	Meeting Paper Deadline	Venue	Programme
13.00 Friday 29 July 2022	Monday 25 July 2022	Microsoft Teams	Approval of BER for UK Link February 2023 Major Release
10.00 Wednesday 10 August 2022	Monday 01 August 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda

Action Table (as of 22 July 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Min Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	22/07/22	2.1	Xoserve (PH/JR) to provide a detailed cost breakdown of XRN4900 in relation to Test Costs, 1. identifying what costs are specific to the change should the interface tests not be in scope; and 2. what costs are specific to testing the new interface over and above those required for the change.	Xoserve (PH/JR)	Pending
0702	22/07/22	2.1	DSC Change Management Committee (all) to consider if the principles for allocating costs against changes should be amended where there is an identified benefit for future changes.	All	Pending
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