

UNC Workgroup 0681S Minutes

Improvements to the quality of the Conversion Factor values held on the Supply Point Register

Monday 29 April 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann*	(AM)	Gazprom
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	Gemserve
Edd Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Imran Shah*	(IS)	Centrica (from agenda item 4.0)
James Jackson*	(JJ)	UK Power Reserve – Sembcorp)
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Leanne Jackson	(LJ)	Xoserve
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Luke Reeves*	(LR)	EDF Energy
Mark Bellman	(MB)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Palmer*	(MP)	Orsted
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Rachel Durham*	(RD)	Smartest Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Waters Wye Associates
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK
Stephanie Clements	(SC)	Scottish Power

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0681/290419>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 June 2019.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (08 April 2019)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

Mark Bellman (MB) said he still had grave concerns that settlement was being impacted every day and that this Modification could have minor impact and was going to take a year or more to implement to help resolve the issue. This Modification should be considered a quick win.

Kirsty Dudley (KD) said that the accompanying DSC Change Request had already been raised and the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) incentive was being targeted separately. KD noted that the target date was June 2020 or sooner if that was feasible, but that this would need to be discussed within the DSC Change Management Committee, as to whether it was deemed a major or minor release. Emma Smith (ESm) agreed with this comment and said that as file format and AQ changes were needed, that this would be classed as a major release, and the Change Managers would need to make the decision in terms of priority with other industry changes. She reiterated that major releases were made by the Industry agreement, via the DSC Change Management Committee and that minor releases could be agreed by Xoserve as they shouldn't impact other DSC parties.

MB again reiterated that he could not understand why 15,000 factors could not be updated using a 'one off' manual process and that that this issue would remain for another 18 months. Bob Fletcher (BF) said that MB could raise an alternative Modification if he felt that was appropriate to consider a non system approach.

A long and protracted general discussion took place regarding the process to resolve this issue and the timeline for its completion. Louise Hellyer (LH) enquired as to why a 'grace period' was required. FC said this was to do with the consumption alterations and was to ensure that Shippers had factors correctly identified and in cases where a site may cross the boundary on a temporary basis.

KD asked Xoserve if an IGT equivalent Modification would need to be raised and FC said she had not yet looked at the direct connection in relation to the IGT's and she would investigate this matter.

New Action 0401: Xoserve (FC) to investigate if an equivalent Modification is required for IGT UNC.
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Rob Johnson (RJ) asked if any consideration had been given to sites that had a volume converter already installed as these would provide a corrected and uncorrected reading – does the system allow this for sites that should have a standard factor. FC said that within the solution the two factors needed to be correctly identified and that this would be documented accordingly for each Supply Meter Point, however they would consider the recording of such information.

3.0 Consideration of Legal Text

BF enquired as to the stability of the Modification, in relation to the Legal Text and KD said she felt it was now in a steady state and Andy Clasper (AC) stated that providing the solution was reasonably developed, then he could commence work on the Legal Text for the next meeting.

4.0 Consideration of Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM)

Not discussed in this meeting.

5.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Not discussed in this meeting.

6.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0401: Xoserve (FC) to consider which Modification 0681S or 0651 would provide the quickest route to get correction in settlement.

Update: FC said that a post meeting note had been added to the minutes from the 08 April in relation this action as detailed below:

0651 (Retrospective update) is targeted for November 2020 Release, pending confirmation of detailed requirement options.

0681 (Conversion Factors) could be included in the June 2020 release if the requirements are simple and are confirmed in the next few months, which would be before 0651 implementation.

However, 0651 is a voluntary Shipper-led process, so might not result in a complete update of all erroneous conversion factors, whereas 0681 would auto-update all <732,000 conversion factors and as many >732,000 as possible.

In both cases correction to settlement would be prospective only, as there are no retrospective updates associated with conversion factor amendments.

FC then confirmed the action could then be closed. **Closed**

7.0 Next Steps

8.0 Any Other Business

9.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Tuesday 21 May 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended Modification • Consideration of Business Rules • Consideration of User Pays • Review of Impacts and Costs • Review of Relevant Objectives • Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts • Consideration of Legal Text • Development of Workgroup Report .

Action Table (as at 29 April 2019)

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0401	08/04/19	2.0	Xoserve (FC) to consider which Modification 0681S or 0651 would provide the quickest route to get correction in settlement.	Xoserve (FC)	Closed

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