

UNC Workgroup 0734S Minutes
Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems and
Reporting Suspected Theft to Suppliers
Thursday 26 August 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.ON Energy
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Jenny Rawlinson	(JW)	BU-UK
Kate Lancaster	(KL)	Xoserve
Kundai Matiringe	(KM)	BU-UK
Martin Attwood	(MA)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	WWU
Steven Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom Energy
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks
Apologies		
Aleksandra Cebo	(ACe)	EDF
Dan Simons	(DS)	Gemserv
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	SPAA
Rebecca Hailes	(RHa)	Joint Office

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 November 2021.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Alan Raper (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (22 July 2021)

The minutes from the July Workgroup will be approved at the September 2021 Workgroup.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

AR informed Workgroup of a late submission email from EDF Energy which will be highlighted to Workgroup as part of the agenda.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

0602: Xoserve (DA) to provide narrative to develop the zero-incrementing read issue for considering whether this is covered within Guidance or UNC

Update: An update to this action was not sought at this meeting. Update to be provided at the next Workgroup in September 2021. **Carried Forward.**

2.0 Amended Modification and Review of Business Rules

The modification has not been amended since the last Workgroup meeting held in July 2021.

3.0 Consideration Legal Text

Steve Mulinganie (SM) confirmed that the Legal Text is now in a position that all parties are comfortable with although Dave Addison highlighted an inconsistency that has been identified with the Retail Energy Code (REC) in terms of terminology, and provided the following proposed revision:

‘Confirmed Theft Notification’ should be ‘Confirmed Energy Theft Claim’.

DA was invited to update Workgroup with his feedback on the Legal Text:

Section E – Daily quantities, imbalances and reconciliation

Section E 1.3.1 (c) (iv)

DA advised Workgroup of an inconsistency in this section and sought further clarification. He advised that when reading this part of the Legal Text in conjunction with Section V 14 1.8, V 14.1.8 is suggesting that Xoserve would implement the meter reading by virtue of E 1.3.1 (c) (iv) but the rules allow for no meter reading.

DA advised he has suggested some alternative wording: Ellie Rogers (ER) showed onscreen the suggested replacement wording:

Section V 14.1.8

Provided the CDSP does not receive a Confirmed Energy Theft Objection that is compliant with the requirements of paragraph 14.1.6 the CDSP shall perform an Offtake Reconciliation to apply such Confirmed Energy Theft Notification. The CDSP may, as necessary, apply the Theft Energy Value to an existing Offtake Reconciliation in accordance with E1.3.1 (c) (iv) or insert a nil incrementing Meter Reading in order to generate an initial Offtake Reconciliation.

Section V 14.1.9

DA highlighted the use of the word ‘adjusted’ and suggested this needs clarification, as the process requires a reversal rather than an adjustment.

When SM asked if this amendment would need to be reviewed by the SGN Lawyer, DM confirmed that it would, although Workgroup agreed it would be unlikely that an amendment to the Business Rule would be necessary.

Section E3.5 Gas illegally taken

ER noted the obligation that refers to Shipper requirements and advised there are no proposed changes but commented that there was the potential for a degree of duplication. SM agreed to review paragraph E3.5 to check to ensure this section and the proposed drafting complement each other and there is no duplication.

New Action 0801: SM to review paragraph E3.5 to check that it is not conflicting with REC.

DM confirmed he will check all of the points raised by Xoserve.

SM agreed to review the proposed Legal Text in conjunction with the Business Rules in order to identify any small amendments that may be required.

New Action 0802: SM to review the preferred Legal Text and check against the Business Rules for any final amendments.

When asked, DM confirmed the comments throughout the Legal Text documents are there to provide to the reader with further clarification and would be removed in due course.

AR requested the final version of the Legal Text is submitted in change-marked view, accompanied with the drafting instructions.

AR highlighted of a late submission email received by Joint Office, from EDF Energy for Workgroup to consider. It was agreed that the points raised have previously been discussed by Workgroup during early iterations of the Modification and modification has been developed in the Workgroup decided on a different path.

Workgroup agreed to note the comments received in the Workgroup Report and that Joint Office would respond to the email.

4.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup review the latest version of the Workgroup Report, although a further input is still required prior to finalisation.

5.0 Next Steps

AR summarised the next steps to be:

- DM to submit a revised version of the Legal Text, with drafting instructions, based on Xoserve feedback;
- A consistency review of Section E 3.5 and the proposed legal text should be completed;
- A final review of the Business Rules to ensure there are no further amendments required
- Joint Office to respond to the EDF Energy email;
- A review and update of the Workgroup Report;

The Workgroup Report is due to be submitted to the November 2021 UNC Panel.

6.0 Any Other Business

DA advised that Xoserve are hoping to be able to provide a cost estimate soon, although and advised that as the existing CMS platform is currently being rebuilt, this complicated the deployment of solution option(s).

Initially, the intention was to place the solution to the Modification into the replacement of the CMS system, although given the expected delivery date for the new system, it may be advisable to look at an interim solution on the existing CMS platform.

Given this information, Workgroup requested:

1. A high-level estimate of cost estimate for implementation on the new, replacement CMS platform.

If there are likely to be considerable time constraints with implementation on the new CMS platform, a cost estimate for the solution being developed on the current CMS platform

New Action 0803: Xoserve (DA) to look at system options in terms of solution implementation.

7.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 23 September 2021	5pm 15 September 2021	Microsoft Teams	Completion of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as of 26 August 2021)						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0602	24/06/21	2.0	Xoserve (DA) to provide narrative to develop the zero-incrementing read issue for considering whether this is covered within Guidance or UNC.	July September 2021	Xoserve (DA)	Carried Forward
0801	26/08/21	3.0	SM to review paragraph E3.5 to check that it is not conflicting with REC	September 2021	Gazprom Energy (SM)	Pending
0802	26/08/21	3.0	SM to review the preferred Legal Text and check against the Business Rules for any final amendments.	September 2021	Gazprom Energy (SM)	Pending
0803	26/08/21	6.0	Xoserve (DA) to look at system options in terms of solution implementation	September 2021	Xoserve (DA)	Pending