

UNC Workgroup 0794S Minutes
Obligation for DNOs to Continue Provision of Gas Composition
Information to National Grid NTS
Friday 04 February 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Ben Hanley	(BH)	Northern Gas Networks
Catherine Litser	(CL)	Wales & West Utilities
Christopher Syrett	(CS)	E.ON
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Darren Dunckley	(DD)	Cadent
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
James Doyle	(JD)	Out Fox the Market
Louise M ^c Goldrick	(LMc)	National Grid
Mark Field	(MF)	Sembcorp
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Sally Hardman	(SH)	Scotia Gas Networks
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Stephen Ruane	(SR)	National Grid
Tom Stuart	(TS)	Wales & West Utilities

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1 Approval of Minutes (07 January 2022)

The minutes from the previous meeting were then approved.

1.2 Approval of Later Papers

The Workgroup noted, and agreed to consider, the two late papers (*Draft Legal Text and supporting Commentary*) both submitted on 01 February 2022.

1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0101: All DNOs to confirm to NGG (PL) that the ZO files will be sent to the CDSP.

Update: In referencing previous Workgroup discussions, EF noted that currently Xoserve do not require provision of the ZO files, in order to calculate the Flow Weighted Average CV calculation. Responding, Phil Lucas (PL) advised that National Grid are considering this matter from a different perspective.

When PL confirmed that he had received the necessary DNO confirmations (including Cadent confirmation that it will continue to provide the information to Xoserve), the Workgroup agreed the action could now be closed. **Closed**

Action 0102: All DNOs to confirm to Phil Lucas directly that the valid allocation for each data site is correct as per the location table. Phil Lucas phil.lucas@nationalgrid.com

Update: PL explained that to date he had not received any positive confirmations from the DNOs, nor any concerns relating to incorrect allocations.

When Shiv Singh (SS) highlighted the potential issue relating to the Winkfield Offtake, PL agreed to investigate further, whilst Darren Dunkley (DD) also pointed out that as this is a Scotia Gas Networks site, it might be prudent to utilise their (SGNs) Offtake for attribution mapping purposes.

Ben Hanley (BH) also confirmed that from his perspective he will only be looking to provide high-level information to National Grid as he still envisages being reliant on National Grid to provide attribution mapping confirmations to him going forward (i.e. to inform him of any NTS changes) – PL responded by suggesting that this matter falls more readily under the auspices of UNC Modification 0793S *'Determination of Charging Area CVs (Daily CVs) – Modification of Calculation Process Arrangements'*¹

SS went on to advise that Cadent would continue to submit their information (ZO files) direct to either National Grid or Xoserve or both.

The Workgroup agreed that in light of the discussions undertaken, the action could now be closed. **Closed**

2. Review of Amended Modification

Phil Lucas (PL) provided an onscreen review of the latest iteration of the Modification (v2.0, dated 02 February 2022) focusing attention on the highlighted changes. During a review of the change marked document which has been based around previous Workgroup and DN feedback, the Workgroup did not indicate that they had any concerns with the amendments to the Modification, as provided.

3. Consider Self-Governance Status

When PL advised that as the Proposer of the Modification, he remains convinced that it satisfies the Self-Governance criteria, the Workgroup participants in attendance did not question / challenge this stance.

4. Consider File Flow impacts

When EF suggested that this topic had already been 'touched on' under the discussion of the outstanding actions above, it was noted that going forward the ZO files would continue to exist, although clarification on where they would ultimately 'land' would still need to be considered.

PL advised that one or more of the DNs have advised that they would no longer submit their ZO files to Xoserve, and therefore as a consequence, National Grid would be looking to provide support in the future – in essence, this relates to an 'Interim Service Provision' and is in fact an implementation consideration for each DN should the Modification directed to implementation.

Moving on, Ellie Rogers (ER) advised that Xoserve had not received a formal requirement request in respect of this matter (i.e. Xoserve receipt of the ZO files) and therefore it remains 'out of scope' of the current Flow Weighted Average CV calculation development requirements. Furthermore, it should be noted that this is also related to a DSC delivery matter for which an actual (technical) requirement would need to be Impact Assessed and the DNs would need to clarify what approach would be required.

It was noted that the date for the Flow Weighted Average CV calculation delivery had recently moved back from the end of March 2022 to the end of June 2022, and therefore the DNs would need to consider this additional requirement (inc. potential delivery impacts) at the Focus Group meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 08 February 2022.

¹ A copy of the various UNC Modification materials can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Joint Office web site at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0793>

When asked, ER confirmed that the previous request to share the ZO files with National Grid had been rejected by the Flow Weighted Average CV calculation project development team. When asked by EF, the respective DN representative present for NGN, SGN and Wales & West Utilities indicated that they would be looking to submit their respective ZO files direct to National Grid going forward. PL advised that so long as the files are submitted to an accepted National Grid email location, he does not envisage any issues.

EF suggested that the Focus Group would need to establish whether the DNs wish Xoserve to be involved in the process, and if so, to what extent.

Concluding discussions, PL requested, and Workgroup participants in attendance agreed, that the above matters should not delay the progression of the Modification.

5. Review Impacts and Costs

Please refer to discussions under item 8 below.

6. Review Relevant Objectives

Please refer to discussions under item 8 below.

7. Review Legal Text

During an onscreen review of the draft Legal Text provided by PL, the following key points were noted (by exception), as follows:

- The Legal Text has been drafted in such a way as to look to avoid introduction of an onerous process;
- Paragraph 11.4.2(c) supports the provisions of paragraph 11.2.3 in instances where it is not possible to provide the data to National Grid NTS by 08:00 on the following day (i.e. loss of record related matters);
 - In the event that a record is lost and/or absent, National Grid NTS would look to utilise an alternative site as a last resort, following engagement with the various parties involved;
- Paragraph 11.2.4 – the Offtake Communications Document is/would be a Code Ancillary Document with changes approved by a formal vote of the Offtake Arrangements Workgroup;
- Paragraph 11.3.1 – it was deemed plausible that the DNs should provide their respective quotations to National Grid NTS, and to this end, inclusion of a cross reference to L2.3 provisions for clarification purposes might prove beneficial;
- Some typographical errors were identified within the Annex N-2 table.

Concluding discussions, PL advised that he would now look to provide amended Legal Text following the meeting.²

8. Development / Completion of Workgroup Report

EF undertook an onscreen review of the draft Workgroup Report (v0.1, dated 02 February 2022) during which amendments were made in-line with the comment and feedback provided by the Workgroup participants in attendance. Included within the review was specific consideration of the 16 December 2021 Panel questions.³

During the discussions, one participant wondered whether the OAD Communications Document should also be reviewed as part of this process – there was no positive appetite to do so from the other parties in attendance.

It was agreed by those in attendance that the final Workgroup Report could be approved in due course (via email), as the perceived amendments (including the Legal Text and Winkfield Offtake provision changes) are immaterial in nature.

9. Next Steps

EF explained that the next steps would include the following:

- Provision of updated Legal Text
- Submission of the Workgroup Report at the 17 February 2022 Panel meeting with a recommendation that the Modification is issued out to consultation, following offline approval of the report (via email) by the Workgroup.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Diary Planning

There are no further meetings of the Workgroup planned at this stage.

Action Table (as of 04 February 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Target Date	Status Update
0101	07/01/22	1.0	All DNOs to confirm to NGG (PL) that the ZO files will be sent to the CDSP.	All DNO's	04 February 2022	Update provided Closed
0102	07/01/22	1.0	All DNOs to confirm to Phil Lucas directly that the valid allocation for each data site is correct as per the location table. Phil Lucas phil.lucas@nationalgrid.com	All DNO's	04 February 2022	Update provided Closed

² Post meeting note: updated Legal Text was provided (07 February 2022) and published on the Joint Office web site at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0794>

³ A copy of the 16 December 2021 Panel meeting minutes can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Joint Office web site at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/161221>