

UNC Workgroup 0801 Minutes
Removal of capacity and balancing services from the role of CDSP
Thursday 03 March 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	BBLC
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Carlos Aguirre	(CG)	Pavilion Energy
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Dave Turpin	(DT)	Xoserve (0801 only)
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve (0801 only)
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Henk Kreuze	(HK)	Vermillion
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella
Hursley Moss	(HM)	Cornwall Insight
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
James Doyle	(JD)	Fox Entity
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamla Rhodes	(KR)	ConocoPhillips
Lauren Jauss	(LJa)	RWE
Leyon Joseph	(LJo)	SGN
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Mark Barnes	(MB)	National Grid (0801 only)
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Max Lambert	(ML)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	BBL
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Terry Burke	(TB)	Equinor

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 August 2022.

1.0 Outline of Modification

The Apollo Project Manager, Mark Barnes (MB) introduced himself and explained that National Grid have been exploring the replacement of Gemini and looking at a solution for capacity and

balancing services with the ability to adapt for industry change in the future at an appropriate rate. He advised that this Modification also covers the supporting services, e.g helpdesk, training service.

National Grid have looked to the market for potential solutions at the best affordable price and embarked on a market procurement process to which there have been a lot of interested parties which have been short-listed. Before Christmas National Grid asked the short-listed applicants for detailed proposals to which National Grid received responses in January and have since been assessing these against a balanced scorecard for service provision, quality etc.

MB explained, from this point onwards, the procurement process is now looking to evaluate a right solution to replace Gemini and a Business Case to do so. National Grid are looking at transition risks and impacts of the change and are looking to share with the industry now and are also looking to reduce down to two suppliers where detailed contract solutions may be sought.

MB advised that it will take a couple of months to get mobilised and testing environments set up, he anticipates the development work will take up to 2-years to implementation.

Jeff Chandler (JCh) asked, with the change 2-years away, is there an anticipation that Shippers will need to change their interfaces to accommodate the new system. MB advised that the new system would continue to maintain the APIs, the solutions appear to be much more up to date interfaces which he believes will be of more benefit to customers. At an appropriate point in the development cycle, National Grid will start to look at the new development of API and liaise with customers at that point.

JCh said, in terms of the engagement process relating to a change because it is deemed to be better, how will customers have their voice heard? MB advised he wants to have good involvement from the start, as we look to move into proper development, detailed requirements and screen design, MB wants to get the designers and architects onboard as soon as possible throughout the development cycle. When the cycle enters the testing phase, he will be looking for representation from the customer base to be involved in the testing cycle and looking at the detail of cutover. Communication of this will be via this group, the Ops Forum and the Business Change distribution list.

Ellie Rogers (ER) clarified the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) will give a high-level magnitude of cost from a system perspective, but the ROM will not advise how it will be funded. She added that Gemini is funded by National Grid, but the ROM will not confirm the funding arrangement.

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) introduced a presentation which covered the following main topics. Where there was specific interaction regarding particular slides with the Workgroup, this has been captured within the minutes for each section of the presentation, and full details can be found on the published presentation here: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0801/030322.

Purpose of the Modification

This Modification proposes to remove certain services, relating to capacity and balancing, from the role of the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) within UNC. This will allow National Grid to deliver their UNC obligations through other means.

What are we doing (and why we need a code mod to do it)

Driver for replacing Gemini

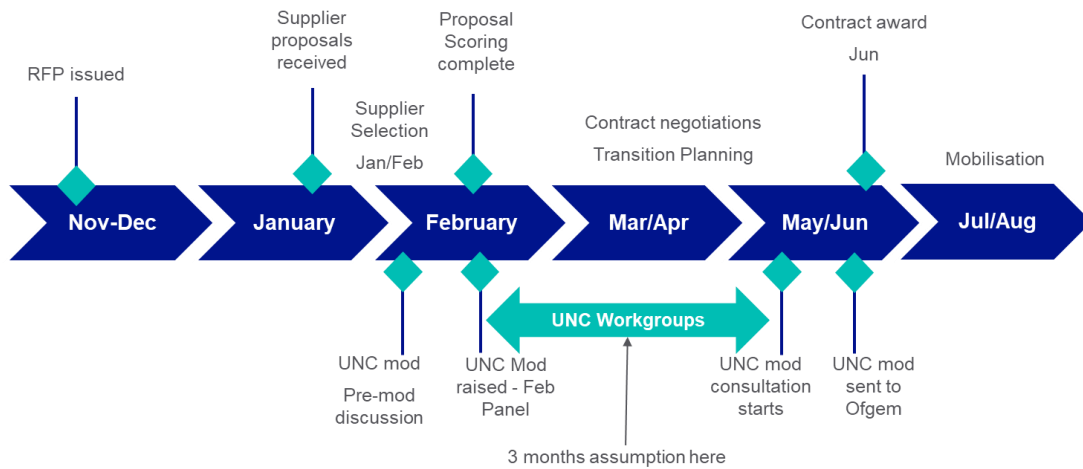
How (2 phase approach)

How (UNC and DSC)

Functions in scope of proposed project

Proposed Apollo project timeline and milestones

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3.0 Initial Discussion

3.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

3.1.1. This Modification will take the service outside the remit of DSC Governance - consider potential consequences if this happens

Due to the suggested Governance, Authority Direction, the UNC Modification Panel sent the development of the Modification to Workgroup for 6-months, MM advised that as this is part of the two-phased approach and this Modification is dealing only with the withdrawal of the CDSP service from UNC he is aiming for 3-months.

Richard Fairholme (RF) said he would like to see more of how the stakeholders can get involved and the principles that need to be included to go alongside this Modification. MM advised he will consider a statement about committing to future arrangements.

3.1.2. Consider how this change will be funded

3.2. Initial Representations

None received.

3.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel a specific Terms of Reference has been published alongside the Modification at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0801.

4.0 Next Steps

EF confirmed that Workgroup will meet on 07 April 2022 and that material should be submitted by 5pm Wednesday 30 March 2022.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 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	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 07 April 2022	5pm Wednesday 30 March 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda Overruns Review/Debate
10:00 Thursday 05 May 2022	5pm Wednesday 27 April 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 09 June 2022 (BH 02 June)	5pm Monday 30 May 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 July 2022	5pm Wednesday 29 June 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 04 August 2022	5pm Wednesday 27 July 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda