

UNC Workgroup 0801 Minutes
Removal of capacity and balancing services from the role of CDSP
Thursday 07 April 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Andre Blair	(AB)	Interconnector
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Carlos Aguirre	(CG)	Pavilion Energy
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Clare Caple	(CC)	E.ON
David Mitchell	(DMi)	Scotia Gas Networks
Debbie Mulinganie	(DM)	BP
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Fiona Morrison	(FM)	SSE
Henk Kreuze	(HK)	Vermilion
Hursley Moss	(HM)	Cornwall Insight
Joshua Bates	(JB)	National Grid
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lauren Jauss	(LJa)	RWE
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Mark Field	(MF)	Sembcorp
Mark Barnes	(MB)	National Grid
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

Apologies

Jeff Chandler	SSE
Joseph Glews	Ofgem
Max Lambert	Ofgem

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

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

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

1.1. Approval of minutes (03 March 2022)

The minutes from the previous meeting were considered approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

1 late paper approved.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

None to consider.

1.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) provided a presentation to provide some further clarity in response to the funding, governance and legal text.

Funding

Panel Question: Consider how this change will be funded

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) confirmed there is a fixed RIIO-T2 allowance to fund Gemini, therefore the cost of developing a replacement system will come from this allowance.

Richard Pomroy (RP) enquired about the potential cost implications for Gemini Users due to changes in the existing interfaces or which may arise as a consequential impact if provided by a different service provider and how these would be dealt with.

MM confirmed discussions are being undertaken with Xoserve to understand the potential impacts for discussion at the next Workgroup. Mark Barnes (MB) explained the connections will be utilising existing connections with an additional option for an internet interface as an alternative. This will introduce a new internet connectivity for users to utilise with an ability to use this through various devices.

RP was keen for the Workgroup to capture some assurances on elements being changed. Expressing the need to provide assurances when moving to an alternative solution and removing existing arrangement from the UNC code contract. RP also wanted the Workgroup Report to consider the costs holistically, for all stakeholders.

David Mitchell (DM) enquired what stakeholder engagement had taken place and if this change would be better managed as a review group. MM confirmed a Workshop has been held and discussion have been undertaken at Operational Forums. It was explained this Modification would remove the requirement to limit the provision of services only from the CDSP but wouldn't preclude continuing to use the CDSP. MM confirmed the DSC Documents will need to be updated to allow the service lines and documents to reflect the change.

RP expressed a preference for the Modification to incorporate an assessment of any subsequent changes that will be required rather than taking a step change approach, to ensure the right assurances are provided. RP also suggested the Workgroup need to assess how the new system will interact with UK Link/Central systems.

Governance

Panel Question: This Modification will take the service outside the remit of DSC Governance - consider potential consequences if this happens

MM set out the two-stage approach and an overview of the transition arrangements and cut-over. MM confirmed that the DSC would still continue for certain retained services.

MM assured the Workgroup that new governance arrangements will be developed with input from and in consultation with the industry and that this will be supported by the DSC Change Management process and will be documented and transparent.

RP sought reassurances by National Grid tying in all the elements into the Modification.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) concurred there was a required assurance piece when stripping elements out of the UNC, which would in essence allow National Grid to do anything. SM stressed the need for stakeholder assurances.

Legal Text

MM provided a list of the Sections within the UNC which would be impacted by the Modification and needed amendment within GT-D, TPD-B, TPD-F and TPD-S.

Further consideration will be required on these. MM confirmed that the default when removing the CDSP as the service provider would result in the obligations residing back to the Transporter.

Appendix

MM provided an overview of the anticipated benefits of the new system Apollo, including the ability to have a system running 24 hours a day with flexibility and the ability to make changes system whilst it is continued to be used.

Julie Cox (JCx) looking to have a system available 24-7 asked for how this is going to be managed and what elements would be included such as Nomination and Allocations. Noting that currently the contract limits availability of the system, and users would not want a system that is artificially constrained by a contract.

SM wished to understand the extent of the level of flexibility and assurance a new system will be fit for purpose.

Phil Hobbins (PH) explained that National Grid are not starting with a blank piece of paper, and have explored the pain points with the current Gemini system to understand what would be desirable from day one.

SM wished to see the appropriate assurance and supporting evidence, acknowledging this appeared to be a simplistic Modification. To avoid push back and new issues being raised within the consultation SM encouraged the Workgroup to consider and document the potential impacts.

2.0 Next Steps

The Workgroup agreed further assessment was required on Funding, Governance, Impacts and Assurances.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 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 05 May 2022	5pm Wednesday 27 April 2022	Microsoft Teams	Funding Governance Impacts Assurances
10:00 Thursday	5pm Monday 30 May 2022	Microsoft Teams	TBC

09 June 2022 (BH 02 June)			
10:00 Thursday 07 July 2022	5pm Wednesday 29 June 2022	Microsoft Teams	Development of Workgroup Report
10:00 Thursday 04 August 2022	5pm Wednesday 27 July 2022	Microsoft Teams	Conclusion of Workgroup Report