

**UNC Workgroup 0696 Minutes  
Addressing inequities between Capacity booking under the UNC and  
arrangements set out in relevant NExAs**

**Thursday 23 January 2019**

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

<b>Attendees</b>		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse*	(CW)	Shell Energy Retail Limited
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ed Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	SGN
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Lea Slokar*	(LS)	Ofgem
Lee Greenwood	(LGr)	British Gas
Liam Gallagher*	(LG)	BU-UK
Oorlagh Chapman*	(OC)	British Gas
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Rebecca Cailles*	(RC)	BU-UK
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Stephanie Clements*	(SC)	Scottish Power
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insights
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom Energy
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks
*via teleconference		

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by April 2020.

**1. Development of Supplemental Report**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.1. Clarification of the current capacity booking arrangements, particularly in relation to:**

- 1.1.1. Procedures**
- 1.1.2. Responsibilities**
- 1.1.3. Timing of events**
- 1.1.4. Legal arrangements**

**2. Detail on the deficiencies in the current arrangements – as described in the proposal**

This was deferred to the next meeting in February 2020.

**3. Review of impact on central systems, processes, and procedures**

This was deferred to the next meeting in February 2020.

**4. Review and assessment of the Legal Text**

This was deferred to the next meeting in February 2020.

**5. Review of Outstanding Actions**

**Action 1201:** Xoserve to understand what direction the Proposer wants to go with this and complete an impact and implementation assessment.

**Update:** SM advised that he has added Business Rule 3 to the Modification which has been reviewed by the Legal Text provider. AR showed onscreen the proposed amendments made to Modification 0696 with new Business Rule 3.

Upon discussing the changes to be made to the Modification the following points were raised by Workgroup:

DA commented on the changes and advised how this would be problematic in regard to data fixes. The issue is that, without any system changes, the SOQ will have to be data-fixed down to the ratcheted value.

Further discussions took place around this rule and how this will be delivered. AR suggested if that is the rule SM wants then this should be proposed and implementation would have to be resolved at future Workgroup discussions. DA said that to implement this rule, a system change (adding an input screen in UK-Link systems), would be the minimum requirement to prevent the need for data fixes).

DA clarified that, each time the SOQ is increased, there would need to be a data fix for each ratchet where the SOQ ratcheted above the capped value, if no system fix is implemented.

DA advised the Workgroup that the Xoserve technical team are looking to introduce an Xoserve only screen which will be relatively easy to implement. This will capture and eventualities where the system needs to override the existing SOQ derivation value.

RP clarified a that the proposal was that Site would only be charged the highest ratchet charge in any month.

SM will add an explicit statement to the Business Rules, for clarity, with reference to a monthly calculation as the relevant billing period, in accordance with B4.7.13.

During Workgroup discussions, reference was made to UNC TPD G 5.5.2 and B 4.7.13 with the suggestion that B 4.7.13 may require amendment. **Carried Forward**

**New Action 0101:** Joint Office to raise a ROM once the Variation Request is received.

**Action 1202:** RP to revise the Legal Text.

**Update:** RP agreed to provide the legal text based on the revised Business Rules. **Closed**

**Action 1203:** SM to write the new Business Rule to accommodate the Ratchet element

**Update:** This has been completed although further amendment to the Business Rules is required, which is captured as part of these minutes. **Closed**

**Action 1204:** All Workgroup participants to review the Supplemental Report that AR has drafted.

**Update:** This has been drafted and is available for review and comment. **Closed**

**Action 1205:** Joint Office to request Workgroup extension to April 2020 at December 2019 UNC Panel.

**Update:** This was requested at December 2019 UNC Panel. The Workgroup now reports to April 2020 UNC Panel. **Closed**

**Next Steps**

AR summarised:

- SM will further revise the Business Rules and submit a Variation Request to the Modification;
- DA will assess the finalised requirements and propose the optimum system solution to implement
- RP will provide the Legal Text based on the revised Business Rules.

**6. Any Other Business**

None raised.

**7. 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 27 February 2020	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup agenda
10:30 Tuesday 26 March 2020	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Completion of Workgroup Report

**Action Table (as at 23 January 2020)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1201	17/12/19	1.1	SM to write the new Business Rule to accommodate the Ratchet element.	Proposer (SM)	<b>Carried Forward</b>
1202	17/12/19	1.1	Xoserve to understand what direction the Proposer wants to go with this and complete an impact and implementation assessment.	Xoserve (DA)	<b>Closed</b>
1203	17/12/19	1.1	RP to revise the Legal Text.	Legal Text Provider (RP)	<b>Closed</b>
1204	17/12/19	1.1	All Workgroup participants to review the Supplemental Report that AR has drafted.	All Workgroup Participants	<b>Closed</b>
0101	23/-1/20	5.0	<i>Action 1201</i> Joint Office to raise a ROM once the Variation Request is received	Joint Office	<b>Pending</b>