

DSC Delivery Sub-Group Minutes

Monday 25th November at 10.30am

Microsoft Teams Meeting

<u>Industry Attendees</u>		
NAME	ORGANISATION	INITIALS
Paul Main	British Gas	PM
Kundai Matiringe	BUUK	KM
Dominic Kenna	Corona Energy	DK
Danny Cortis	EDF Energy	DC
Neil Charnock	ESG Global	NC
Reece Stephens	Ecotricity	RS
Gareth Powell	EON	GP
Tim Wright	MBGP	TW
Nik Wills	Stark	NW
Joanne Rush	SSE	JR
Sally Hardman	SGN	SH
Marie Butcher	Total Energies	MB
Daniel Kearney	Utilita	DK
Paul Senior	Utilita	PS

<u>Xoserve/Correlate Attendees</u>	
Paul Orsler	PO
Loraine O'Shaughnessy	LO
Rob Westwood	RW
Helen Gilbert	HG
Karl Davidson	KD

Slides available [here](#).

1. General Meeting Administration

1a. Welcome and Introduction

Paul Orsler (PO) welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed attendees that this meeting is being audio recorded for the purpose of producing the minutes, each recording will be deleted once the relevant minutes have been signed off. PO informed the attendees of the following [agenda](#) items.

1b. Previous DSG Meeting Minutes and Action Updates

PO formally approved the minutes as no feedback had been received from October's DSG meeting. PO provided an update on the following outstanding action which was agreed to remain on hold.

- **24/0110 XRN 5732 –Inclusion of IGT MPRNs into specified existing DSC Processes -**
PO explained that CDSP committed to provide an update by the end of this year and confirmed that we have produced an impact assessment that CDSP will share with IGT customers ahead of providing a formal update on how we propose to take this forward.
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No questions raised.

2. Changes in Change Development

2a. New Change Proposals – Initial Overview of the Change

PO advised that three new Change Proposals will be discussed, two were presented for voting at November's Change Management Committee (ChMC) of which have all been accepted into the Change, Development and Delivery phases at the ChMC in November. XRN 5825 was presented for information. See details below:-

2a.i. XRN 5846 New allowable value ('M' – Thermal Mass) for Meter Type Code (H100)

PO provided an overview of this Change Proposal which is to ensure that the allowable value for meter types is including thermal mass meters for all Metering and RGMA flows coming in and out of UK Link. To support the recognition of 'M' as Thermal mass meter data field in RGMA flows that Xoserve process following receipt of those files from Shipper organisations. Also to ensure that the Meter type code is reflected in some of the metering information at change of supply etc. PO advised that this CP, is closely linked to new meter model for the H100 MDD to Hydrogen project in Fife, Scotland. To support this, the model that has been created in REC Code of this field is not currently recognised in UK link flows. PO advised that this is a consequential change to allow this flow and reports.

Next steps: - CDSP to fully design the change and associated updates to the file formats to support the change through the process. CDSP will aim to look to deliver by 3rd quarter of 2025 and will confirm the detail, impacts and plan this work in as soon as practicably possibly.

PO advised that in terms of DSG today, it has been brought as an awareness to you and to seek views from parties impacted by this change.

Sally Hardman (SH) advised, that a change was raised by REC and withdrawn and is active in REC and therefore is required in UK link to accommodate this change.

PO thanked SH and confirmed that it is currently a misalignment in the codes in data sets and formats and those that flow to the register.

PO invited questions; no further questions raised.

2a.ii. XRN 5851 Modification 0868 Change to the current Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement frequency and scope

PO explained that this Change Proposal impacting Shippers, proposes to extend the current annual process for the production of the Allocation of unidentified Gas (AUG) Statement to a 3 yearly process. PO advised that it also changes the scope of activities due to the extended period available to undertake the production of the Allocation of Unidentified gas (AUG) Statement (MOD 0868). PO advised that this is looking to extend the Scope for UIG expert to allow them to carry out greater levels of analysis, the Mod has reached a stable point but allows for Xserve to explore and impact assess CDSP changes, if the MOD is approved and prepare the work to undertake the procurement exercise when the Mod is approved. No immediate technical changes, but there are service changes for bringing an AUG expert into the market.

PO asked DSG to provide views on this, no questions were raised. PO advised that CDSP will be taking this through the change process for visibility and consultation if required.

2a.iii XRN 5825 Minor Release Drop 13

PO advised that this Change Proposal impacting Shippers, DNO's, NGT and IGTs has been raised for information only to provide update on the scope of the two changes within this release which are due on 6th December. Internal changes with no consequential or customer impact, service improvement and sustaining piece of work,

- XRN 5567 Winter Consumption Calc for Class 4 with AMR Fitted for Demand estimation processes.
- XRN5794 Weather API upgrade
- Calculate consumption for Class 4 , both have been satisfied no changes or impacts to customers.

- Next DSG should be successful implementation of minor release and validation of no customer impacts was correct post delivery of the related changes.

2b. Change Proposals Initial View Representations

None for this meeting.

2c. Undergoing Solution Options Impact Assessment Review

None for this meeting.

3. Changes in Detailed Design

3a. Design Considerations

3a.i. XRN5784 - Modification 0862 Amendments to the current Unidentified Gas Reconciliation Period arrangements

PO invited Helen Gilbert (HG) to provide background on slides 14 to 18.

HG provided a background on the Detailed Design Change Pack, confirming that the modification seeks to adjust the reconciliation smearing period from current 12 months to attribute the reconciliation over the period to which it applies.

HG provided an overview of the solution from slide 16, which shows the change will retain the same triggers on the 10th calendar month and pick up applicable reconciliation, noting the gold boxes is the key changes for calculating the UIG and the months of the existing Calculations. CDSP will then prepare the charges and supply the data on the appropriate invoice files.

The Change Pack provides update on costs and applicable delivery timescales, which are based on the change being delivered as a standalone project.

No other changes to other systems are anticipated aside from those mentioned within UK Link, which have allowed the cost estimates to be refined and brought within the original cost estimate provided to the Modification workgroup earlier in the year.

HG provided the assumptions, dependencies and risks. From slide 18. Assumption is costing being the sole project within a UK Link release.

A Risk has also been captured to describe the scenario of future SOLR events and Shipper terminations, as these could introduce greater manual efforts to support the recovery of UIG charges over a greater period of time, with this risk being called out in the Detailed Design Change Pack.

PO confirmed Design Change Pack is seeking feedback from Shippers only as affected parties. PO asked from Shippers on call if any immediate changes are required.

Gareth Powell (GP) asked if this change goes ahead on the Implementation date proposed, will this apply to the next month ASP file, or would the UIG be smeared for rolling period.

HG confirmed the functionality will run on the same day and times as the current rules set out, so no changes are anticipated from an external perspective. PO explained that CDSP will run reconciliation process before we implement on old rules and then next time we will run on the new rules, to get 12 months UIG Rec June invoice in July, July invoices using new rules which will look reconcile back to line in the sand.

Action: HG to provide clarity on how this will work going forward. Consultation due back end of next week for discussion and approval in December ChMC.

3b. Requirements Clarification

None for this meeting.

4. Release / Project Updates

4a. XRN 5778 November 2024 Major Release

PO confirmed the successful implementation of XRN5615 - Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process (Modification 0819) allows class 4 sites as being vacant and, XRN5720 - Modification IGT 173 Gateway delivery for RPC backing data – which streamlines the process of sharing Invoice backing data between IGT and Shippers IX.

Rob Westwood (RW) advised half way through PIS for these changes, XRN5585 regular drop in sessions with DNs are in place, with a small number of issues being worked through and remedied.

No questions raised on this.

Last month we discussed Service Capacity to reach out to impacted party to discuss likely volumes, we did have engagement late in the process, we undertook some work to look at the capacity on this. CDSP had put through through 1000s of test vacant site requests and have been running these in parallel with other UK Link Processes to determine performance impact. RW confirmed that the outcome of the performance testing concluded validation requests to accept or reject and the up to 80,000 VAC contacts within a single day.

RW confirmed that updates will be made to UKLBD2 – UK Link IS Service document, contained within the UK Link Manual – which will confirm the ceiling for these transactions within the Service Request Section 3 of the document.

4b. XRN 5825 Minor Release drop 13

RW advised that the scope as covered in section 2a.iii. which has planned implementation on 5th December and provided update on the communications.

PO explained that these changes are 6th December we were reporting amber as some material did need to be signed off but this is well on track for delivery.

PO explained the Scope on slide 27, benefiting parties for XRN5576 the Operational teams who will not have to deploy a manual workaround.

Weather API – All parties as underpins the Demand estimation and profiling that we are obligated to perform under the CDSP contracts.

4c. XRN 5818 – February 25 Major Release – Status Update

PO gave an overview of scope for February 25 - XRN5614 -Improving IGT SMP New Connection Process to support accurate and timely Supplier Registrations.

RW advised that this is progressing well, the build starts on 16th December and in terms of planning this is on track to be delivered on the 28th February, next activities sharing implementation approach plan and will be available at DSG Invite to customer session. Sharing towards end of January, and comms will be sent a day before go no go delivery and on day will share outcome of the delivery via email and update on website.

PO advised that November update and February implementation, PO will reach out to IGT customers in early 2025 to understand how you are anticipating using the new functionality so CDSP can support this transition and will look to take forward.

4d. XRN 5564 Gemini Sustain Plus Programme Update

Karl Davidson (KD) provided an update on the Gemini Sustain Programme.

The Gemini Sustain plus programme is on track for 23rd March 2025, with project team completing performance and training content in the new year. Those who joined the ChMC will be aware the screen pack has been issued to show enhancements to the new solution ahead of Market Trials, which is being re-run for a three week period during January and February 2025.

4e. November 2024 DDP Delivery Update

PO gave a brief overview of DDP Delivery roadmap for 2024/25.

No questions raised. Concluded that Release 4 (gas vacant sites and AQ at risk) is operational.

PO also noted the proposed scope for DDP Release 5, which has been ratified with all customer groups and will be being presented for approval at ChMC in December.

5. Change Pipeline

PO gave an overview on slides 33-35 with key notes as follows:

- Change delivery plan runs to the end of March 2025. Minor Release Drop 13 has been firmed up with no consequential impacts to Shippers, IGTs or DNO for delivery in early December 2024.
- November 24 Major Release – Successfully implemented and in Post Implementation Support phase.
- February 25 Major Release scope contains XRN5614 which has been discussed today.

PO confirmed that he would be presenting a refreshed view of end of year, to reflect the potential change plan for 2025 – including candidates for June 25 and November 25 Major Releases.

PO checked with stakeholders and customers on the call if there were any questions following the information provided. No questions raised.

6. AOB

PO advised that due to the Christmas Period it is tradition that we look at timelines around meeting attendance or peak holiday periods for consultation and confirmed that the DSG meeting will be brought forward to Monday 16th December and not 23rd December so wanted to get this noted in the minutes.

In terms of change pack consultation period, PO is conscious that CDSP avoids complex changes would be preferable as customers may not have access to technical resources, so propose with XRN5702 that this is not seen as a complex change but will issue this out for consultation in December but will extend the consultation window to ensure no time lost. We will issue on December 13th to give us the full minimum 10 days to assess in order to get view for consultation responses.

Next Meeting is scheduled **for Monday 16th December**. No further items or questions were raised by DSG representatives.

If you have any questions relating to the above meeting minutes, please email uklink@xserve.com