DSC Delivery Sub Group

Monday 24th May at 10:30am
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Industry Attendees		
NAME	**ORGANISATION**	**INITIALS**
Ikram Bashir	Npower	IB
Helen Bevan	Scottish Power	HB
Graeme Cunningham	British Gas	GC
Sally Hardman	SGN	SH
Eleanor Laurence	EDF Energy	EL
Simon Millington	SSE-OVO	SM
Cathy Paduano	SSE-OVO	CP
Steph Podgorski	Generis	SP

Xoserve Attendees	
Paul Orsler (Chair)	PO
Chan Singh	CS
Michele Niits	MN
Simon Harris	SH
James Barlow	JB
Hannah Reddy	HR
Steve Pownall	SPo
Kathryn Adeseye	KA
Neil Morgan	NM
Joanne Williams	JW

Slides available here.

1. General Meeting Administration

1a.   Welcome and Introductions

1b.   Previous DSG Meeting Minutes and Action Updates

Paul Orsler (PO) introduced the meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and approved by DSG.

2. Changes in Capture

2a. New Change Proposals – Initial Overview of the Change – None for this meeting

2b. Change Proposal Initial View Representations – None for this meeting

2c. Undergoing Solution Options Impact Assessment Review – None for this meeting

2d. Solution Options Impact Assessment Review Completed – None for this meeting

3. Changes in Detailed Design

3a. Design Considerations – None for this meeting – None for this meeting

3b. Requirements Clarification

3b.i. –XRN4941 – Auto updates to meter read frequency (MOD0692)

MN presented this agenda item. MN provided a brief background on this and was stated that for all changes in scope of November 2021, an impact assessment was carried out against the Central switching service (CSS) and the central switching service Consequential Change (CSSC) programs.

MN explained that XRN4941 had within its original scope three components which impact the design of CSSC and therefore could not be implemented prior to CSS. Furthermore, ChMC in May decided to reduce the current scope for XRN4941 to remove these components from the design, effectively removing the risk to CSSC and ensure the CDSP can still implement a solution that conforms to modification 0692 requirements.

The below highlights the three components in question.

- There will be no validation added to the .NOM file processing (to reject a nomination if a non monthly read frequency is requested where there is an AMR device or DCC Service Flag of active*)

- There will be no validation added to the .CNF file processing (to reject a nomination if a non monthly read frequency is requested where there is an AMR device or DCC Service Flag of active*)

- There will be no changes made to the MRF at D-2, D-1 or on D when there is a Shipper Transfer or Reconfirmation.

MN added that removing these components will allow sites to be registered with a non-compliant MRF, therefore Xoserve will add an additional batch job to identify any sites that have had a Shipper Transfer or Reconfirmation with a non-compliant Meter Read Frequency and update the MRF to monthly as soon as possible once the Shipper Transfer or Reconfirmation is live. The Shipper will be notified about the updated MRF via an unsolicited SCR file/record.

EL stated she has sent over a number of questions to SH regarding this Change. MN to work with SH on the response to EL's questions that have been emailed over. MN stated that there are high level components lists that can be viewed in the slide deck and show clearly that if they have MOD requirements and whether they are from the new scope and original scope.

NMc asked if the questions and answers stated by EL can be published for other customers to view.SH stated that he will look to have them either published within the minutes of this meeting or discussed and presented at the next DSG meeting.

3b.ii. – XRN5072 – Application and derivation of TTZ indicator and calculation of volume and energy – all classes

MN presented this agenda item. MN stated that the original change stated when there is an Inserted Check Read, and there is a subsequent read already present, then the volume calculation would need to be changed to ensure the volume between the inserted Check Read and the later read is correct. MN then stated that, following further analysis, this calculation is already performing correctly and, as such, no change is required. MN then added that in regard to Check to Check calculations ,triggered by an SFN read, with an estimated Transfer or Class change reading, a change will be required. This is due to the validation being conducted against the previous Check read however the volume being calculated from the estimated Transfer or Class Change read.

MN explained the logic for determining the TTZ to use for calculating the Check to Check volume, from the SFN read to the estimated Transfer or Class change read, will be updated as follows:

TTZ of the Current Check Read

minus

the SUM of all TTZs between the previous Check Read and, up to and including, the estimated Transfer or Class Change read

(for clarity, this includes the TTZ on the estimated Transfer or Class change read but excludes the TTZ on the previous Check Read)

Any reads present after the estimated Transfer or Class change read are not included in the calculation. This can be viewed in the slide deck and has been illustrated as text as well as with an example diagram.

SM stated this is very helpful and beneficial information to understand the change and the sum that is used to derive the Check to Check TTZ.

3b.iii. – XRN5122 – Gemini System Enhancements

HR stated this change pack relates to Gemini and the password reset process. If a user forgets their password, they would need to go through their LSO. As part of this change, the change looks to change the process allowing customers to reset their password themselves. To do this the UK Link security operating framework is being amended. Furthermore, there will be contact made to users from their LSO's to ensure the information can be verified allowing the process change to go live in July 2021, the existing process will also remain where an LSO can reset the password for a user.

3b.iv. – XRN5341 – MOD0745 Mandatory Setting of Auction Bid Parameters

HR presented this agenda item. HR stated that this has come about due instances where a bid has been placed and for whatever reason, it might not be what the user had been intending such as accidently adding an extra zero into the bid. This change looks to introduce some validation around the bid screens. Currently Gemini has always had the functionality to apply parameters of upper and lower values. Therefore, if more/less is bid outside of these parameters a warning flag was added to the screen before allowing the user to proceed. This Mod looks to bring in a requirement for user to set up these parameters allowing the system to validate against it. Therefore, if the parameters for a user have not been set, they will be able to bid, therefore reducing any risk or incidence of error bids.

4. Major Release Update

4a. Minor Release Drop 9 Update

PO presented this agenda item. PIS has been completed successfully 23rd April and the CCR is being presented to ChMC in the coming weeks to formally close this Minor Release.

There were no defects raised and is on track to gain CCR approval at May ChMC.

4b. June 2021

PO presented this agenda item. PO advised this release is running on track with a Green RAG status. Testing phase is progressing to plan and System Testing and User Acceptance Testing has completed. Regression testing has commenced to plan and on track to complete to schedule. Po added that there is E-Learning awareness to be available from 28th May. PO added that the forecast costs on track to complete within approved BER.

- In Scope (XRN5093) - MOD0711 – Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands
- Descoped (XRN4992) - MOD0687 – Creation of new charge to recover last resort supply payments – Descoped at Extraordinary ChMC on 26th October 2020
- Descoped (XRN4941) - MOD0692 - Auto updates to meter read frequency – Descoped at ChMC on 11th November 2020

4c. November 2021

PO presented this agenda item. PO advised that the design phase is on track to complete to the current schedule as well as the remaining change packs have been delivered to plan with approval from 5th May eChMC. PO advised the implementation window of 5th November with a contingency implementation window of 12th November.

Risk: (XRN5142) - Unknown volumes for data cleanse

Mitigation - Regular touch points with DCC in place, we understand the method, need to understand the expected volume and plan.

RAG status currently amber and will return to green on approval of BER which is required to progress to build phase.

XRN4941 - MOD0692 - Auto updates to meter read frequency

XRN5007 - Enhancement to reconciliation process where prevailing volume is zero

XRN5072 - Application and derivation of TTZ indicator and calculation of volume and energy – all classes

XRN5091 - Deferral of creation of Class change reads at transfer of ownership

XRN5142 - New allowable values for DCC Service Flag in DXI File from DCC

XRN5180 - Inner tolerance validation for replacement reads and read insertions

Descoped - XRN5186 MOD0701 – Aligning capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs

Descoped - XRN5187 MOD0696 – Addressing inequalities between capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in the relevant NExAs

5. Change Pipeline

PO presented this agenda item. PO provided a brief overall update on the status of the Change development and delivery pipeline of Change. The statistics and spreadsheet can be viewed within the excel spreadsheet attached into the slide deck

6. Issue Management

6a. AQ Task Force Update

PO advised that this can be reviewed offline and any questions can be direct to Michele Downes and the Task force team.

7. CMS Rebuild

JW presented this agenda item. JW stated that in the previous update, the team was hoping to be coming to this month's meeting to present the recommended option for this Change. JW advised that there were 5 options that have now been shortlisted to two options now. In addition to this, JW added with the remaining options, they are seeking additional clarifications and working with suppliers to obtain these.

Additional activities are also continuing on certain processes such as the Must Read, ToG and GSR, which the team are targeting to communicate the Must Read activities and Workshop dat at the end of May.

JW added that the CMS team are conscious they were due to attend CoMC in May to provide the preferred solution, however they are currently undertaking additional due diligence to ensure the chosen solution meets all requirements and can be adapted for changes.

Furthermore, following a session held with a customer rep, it has clarified that there is not duplication with the SDEP tool and the cross communication function requirement. Therefore, the cross communication functionality remains in scope and focus group shall continue to refine the requirements.

Next Steps:

• Identify the preferred solution and present to CoMC

• Approval of processes to remain in scope of CMS

• Cross Communication workshop to be scheduled for the focus group

• Finalising the Must Reads, ToG and GSR high level requirements

8. Population / Degradation of MAP Id

SH presented this agenda item. SH provided the following background:

• As part of June-2020 Major Release the CDSP carried out the mass population of MAP Id into UK Link (via XRN4780-B), completed mid-December-2020

• The MAP Id enduring solution (XRN4780-C), looking at the ongoing maintenance of MAP Id, is planned for implementation in line with November-2021 Major Release

• XRN5188 was raised to look into carrying additional refresh of MAP Id within UK Link

XRN4780 – B Load Stats

SH explained the load stats to the members of DSG. The full breakdown can be viewed in the slides. EL added that 13 million to16 million records have been listed but there is probably double in terms of number of UK Meter Points, is the other half just information that was not provided to yourself? SH stated that this is correct and added that there has been a lot of effort to engage with as many MAPs as possible to partake in these loads.

HB asked in relation to the shippers providing MAP Id, can this be provided via spreadsheet or will this need to be via RGMA flows. SH clarified that it would have to be via RGMA flows.

ACTION: SH to discuss with the they XRN5188 technical team whether the solution for XRN5188 would provide data for Shippers.

EL asked if a shipper is provided a MAP Id of UNK from the MAM, there are still instances where they are receiving blank MAM Supplier flows. EL asked that where UNK is being provided, is there not a risk that instead of leaving it blank going forward that people will populate it with UNK. SH stated that if UNK is received, this is not being accepted as valid MAP Id, therefore it will not be populated in UK Link. SH and JB confirmed that the UNK is not on MDD and therefore will not be accepted as a valid MAP Id.

EL asked in the instance where the MAM can't identify the MAP Id, how does that work?

JB clarified that if the MAM doesn't know the MAP Id they do not insert the record rather than leaving it blank. If the record is included, then the MAP Id is mandatory.

This was the end of 24th May 2021 DSC Delivery Sub Group meeting. Next Meeting: (Monday 21st June 2021)

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