DSC Delivery Sub Group

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

Meeting Minutes

Industry Attendees		
NAME	**ORGANISATION**	**INITIALS**
Joanne Rush	SSE	JR
Paul Senior	ISE	PS
Sally Hardman	SGN	SH
Ian Smith	GTC	IS
Graeme Cunningham	British Gas	GC
Jo Hargreaves	Centrica	JH
Paul Senior	Utilita	PS
Matt Armstrong	seaglasscloud	AS

Xoserve Attendees	
Paul Orsler (Chair)	PO
Steve Pownall	SP
Chan Singh	CS
James Barlow	JB

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 representatives. The Action Log was reviewed, and it was confirmed that there are no open actions at present.

2. Changes in Capture

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

2a.i XRN5556E – CMS Rebuild Version 1.4

PO presented this agenda item. PO provided a brief overview of the Change which can be viewed within the slide deck. PO advised the detailed design change pack for this change will be issued in May 2023.

2a.ii XRN5556F – CMS Rebuild Version 1.5

PO presented this agenda item. PO provided a brief overview of the Change which can be viewed within the slide deck. PO advised the detailed design change pack for this change will be issued in May 2023.

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

2c. Undergoing Solution Options Impact Assessment Review

2c.i. XRN5604 - Shipper Agreed Read_SAR_exceptions process - Modification 0811S

JB presented this agenda item. As part of this change proposal, a new process is required to provide a remedy for SARs that have failed to be progressed (exceptions) within a reasonable period to be proactively managed by the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP).

JB advised that there is a single solution option for this Change pack.

Solution option: New process in the [new] Contact Management System to manage Corrective Opening Meter Read submission, referral and storage in the Supply Point Register. This option involves system impacts to SAP PO, SAP ISU and CMS.

The solution involves a new contact to b added to the new CMS to support submission, referral, validation and load to the Supply Point Register of Corrective Opening Meter Reads (COMR). After a successful creation of contact in the new CMS, read data will be validated against the Supply Point Register. On receipt of a referral, the non-submitting Shipper will have the option to respond to dispute the COMR. After 20 SPSBD, where the non-submitting user has not disputed the COMR then it will be progressed. The Submitting Shipper will be notified of the outcome of read submission via contact. Furthermore, file format changes are required to the Bulk Contact Logging (BCL) file UK Link and New APIs will be created to support the process between the [new] CMS and UK Link. In addition, downstream processes such as volume calculation, reconciliation and AQ calculation, will progress as per existing processes PAC Report. These new PAC reports are to provide statistics relating to the requests received/rejected/accepted and quantify the requests from incoming and

outgoing Shippers to be produced by the [new] CMS. The report requirements are to be defined by the PAC and approved.

There are assumption that the PAC reporting data requirements will be provided prior to build phase. Furthermore, there will be no system impact to GES as the New Corrective Opening Meter Reads will be uploaded and displayed in the system in line with Shipper Agreed Read. In addition, there are no ongoing costs identified but this will not be determined until design phase is reached.

The overall impact of this solution is medium with a recommended Release type as standalone/major. This overall solution has a high level delivery cost estimate of £70,000 - £150,000.

JB asked attendees/ Shippers on the call if they had any views and if so. To please submit them via the Change Pack process on Xoserve.com.

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

3. Changes in Detailed Design

3a. Requirements Considerations – None for this meeting

3b. Design Clarification

3b.i. XRN5482 - Replacement of reads associated to a meter asset technical details change or update RGMA

PO presented this agenda item. PO advised DSG that the design involves a new file to receive RGMA replacement reads. This file would go through a set of internal validation, therefore the file being proposed would be a UK Link file which would be delivered via the IX mechanism into the UK Link estate. There would be further check and validation that would be done at this point with the data before clarifying back whether or not the file had been accepted.

JB added there are a couple of scenarios to call out that are included for Class 3 and 4. JB advised, if there is a convertor on site, this would still need to go through the IA process.

Scenarios where the RGMA reads cannot be replaced

There are some of the key scenarios where the RGMA reads cannot be replaced and in such an event the reads will be rejected, and rejection response will be sent back to the originator.

- Duplicate (identical) reads for a read date are not recorded on the Supply Point Register. An RGMA replacement reading will be rejected, where the existing reading and/or TTZ (Times Through Zero) on the billable device is the same as the one provided in the read replacement file – RRP00005.
- An RGMA read replacement request where the read date does not fall on the shipper registration date (and therefore does not need to be agreed) but the requesting shipper has indicated that the reading has been agreed, the request shall be rejected for that reason - MRE00403.
- If the read replacement date is before the Line in sand (LIS) it is rejected - RRP00002.

- The RGMA read replacement request is not accepted if the replacement read date is either at the start or the end reading of a consumption adjustment period, or it lies within a consumption adjustment period - MRE01005.
- The RGMA read replacement request is not accepted if the replacement read date is either at the start or the end reading of an active fault or lies within the faulty period – RRP00006.
- The RGMA read replacement request is not accepted where the read replacement date is at the start, end or lies within the bypass effective period - MRE01025.
- The RGMA read replacement request is not accepted where the read replacement date is at the start or end of a check to check reconciliation period - MRE01006.
- Reject the RGMA replacement reading for the isolation/ reconnection where the meter status is capped/ clamped or reconnected on the RGMA effective date and/or subsequent read activity is present - RRP00007.
- Where the same meter has been reinstated (GSR MOD424 – Same shipper and same meter), we reject the RGMA read replacement request for removal, or the installation read - RRP00003.
- If there is a convertor present on the RGMA read replacement date it will be rejected - RRP00008.
- The meter is not classified as class 3 or class 4 on the RGMA read replacement effective date - MRE01017.
- RGMA read replacement will not be allowed for Prime or sub sites - RRP00009
- RFA (Request for Adjustment) process will still be available in case the RGMA read replacement process fails to update the reads in the UK Link system through this proposed new process.

TTZ scenarios

As part of XRN5482 the opening RGMA reads can be replaced. Present system does not allow an opening RGMA read to be replaced. Hence new volume calculation logic is defined to derive a TTZ (Wherever applicable) to calculate the forward volume between the replaced RGMA read and the next read. This document lists the possible scenarios and the appropriate logic for volume calculation.

- If the subsequent read is an actual read existing BAU (Business as Usual) logic for tolerance and volume calculation will be followed. TTZ provided along with the read replacement will be used for volume calculation.
- If the next read is estimated, then the new logic detailed below will be used. TTZ provided along with read replacement will not be used, however a derived TTZ will be used instead.

  New forward volume calculation logic:

  If Replacement Read Index – maximum read index for asset (as an absolute) < Replacement Read index, then TTZ = 01 else TTZ = 00

There are some rejection scenarios for e.g., if the requested RGMA replacement read value is higher than the subsequent actual read value, the request will be rejected as part of read validation.

There are exception scenarios. e.g., If the RGMA replacement read is replacing an OPNN/OPNX and the replacement read has clocked over but the subsequent estimated read

hadn't clocked over, the new volume calculation logic may derive an incorrect volume. The shipper can either replace the estimated read or can raise a RFA to correct the volume. Customer is advised to monitor the consumption information issued via the amendment billing supporting information files so that any incorrect volumes can be corrected via the adjustment process. DSG attendees advised they are currently reviewing the change pack and will be providing representations before closeout.

3b.ii. XRN5556.C - Contact Management Service (CMS) Rebuild Version_ v1.2 - Revised

RC presented this agenda item. RC advised that the naming convention of the one response file was duplicated with another. This has been changed so rather than using the contact resolution file .CRF, that has not been changed to contact resolution response file .CR.

RC added that there were initially some fields in those response files that were taken out initially due to them initially not required for the new CMS however, from the responses received by customers, they were still using them at their end. This has now been added back and a couple of minor errors in terms of optionality on some of the fields have been corrected. PO advised that after help from customers such as OVO to ensure these changes were rectified, this will be going back to ChMC for approval in May.

3b.iii. UK Link Manual - GT Rejection Codes Cosmetic Update - For Information

PO presented this agenda item. PO advised that the CDSP identified a cosmetic update within the GT rejection code list. This rejection code has the wrong description in it in the current UK Link Manual. PO advised that this has been reissued in a change pack with the correction to the rejection code description. This is a clarification change pack and is out for representation and for information.

4. Major Release Update

4a. February 23 Major Release

PO advised that the project is tracking to green and was successfully implemented in February. PO advised that XRN4992B is looking to bring some of the supplier of last resort charges onto the online processes. There is first usage of those taking place this month and early next month. Furthermore, there is also the first usage of XRN4990 and the class functionality which is not taking place until June/July 2023. PO advised there is not much else to report on February 2023 release. PO added that first usage is still being monitored to successfully complete the project and close it down.

4b. March 23 Adhoc Release

PO presented this agenda item. PO advised that there are two agreed changes were successfully implemented on 1st April 2023 with the project currently in PIS. Overall the project is tracking to green.

Implemented Changes:

- XRN5143 – Discharge of Cadent, WWU and NGN NDM sampling obligations by the CDSP
- XRN5379 – Class 1 Read Service Procurement Exercise - MOD 0710

4c. June 23 Major Release

PO presented this agenda item. PO advised that an agreement was reached at ChMC to defer implementation of XRN5186 until November 2023. PO stated that it was unanimously supported by Shippers and DN's involved. PO advised that due to this, it would leave 1 change that has been delivered on behalf of the shipper constituents, which is XRN5091, which is, looking to improve the class change, read estimation and transfer read logic to support being able to process transfer reads more effectively on class change.
That change is progressing well ad is currently in the latter stages of user acceptance test phase of the project. PO added that the project team are continuing to complete the testing phases for XRN5186.

5a. Change Pipeline

PO presented this agenda item. PO explained there the scope of the June release and discussed the scope for November 2023 release as well as the future releases up to April 2024. Furthermore PO stated that XRN5091 is on the plan and has a firm implementation date in June, with a target project closedown of September 2023 after all post implementation work has completed. PO advised that the backlog will be looking to be presented in priority order going forward, within an agreed list. PO added that he will be looking to share dates on that when proposed material will be issued out. Furthermore, PO added that the February 2024 major release has 2 changes scoped XRN5607, XRN5537B.

JR asked a question about XRN5091. JR stated that when looking on Xoserve.com, XRN5091 does not show an implementation date on the individual change however has the date on the BER and change proposal page for XRN5562 June 23 major release. PO advised that the there is an administrative error on Xoserve.com where the BER has not been added on the individual pages and only added on the release change proposal pages.

Action: Xoserve to amend the delivery implementation date for June 2023 on Xoserve.com, ensuring this is added as 24th June 2023 with the BER attached to the individual page and apply this across the other releases to ensure the correct implementation information and documentation is viewable by customers on Xoserve.com.

6. AOB

This was the end of Monday 24th April DSC Delivery Subgroup meeting. Next Meeting: (Monday 22nd May 2023)

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