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Gemini - Shipper Fortnightly Progress Summary for Weeks Ending: 18 February 2005 and 4 March 2005

Gemini	Previous Status	Amber	Current Status	Green
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Summary

The report status has been changed to Green to reflect the UK-Link Committee meeting's consideration of the Shipper Acceptance Criteria Document in February 2005 which returned no comments.

Further progress has been shared with the community on the detail of Connectivity Testing, Early View/API Trials and the Shipper Trial plans.

Progress This Period

1. Shipper Working Group (SWG) held on the 16th February and Shipper Forum held on 24th February to cover the Issues Log, Communications Plan, Early View/API Trial and the Shipper Trial plan. Details of the Shipper Trial reflected the involvement of the Market Operator and Claims Validation Agent in the plan.
2. The Early View/API Trial window has been confirmed as 7 weeks instead of 8 in order to provide a period of 2 weeks for moving between Early View and Shipper Trials. Additional data support has been arranged for shippers to accommodate the change to plan.
3. A change in process for re-setting of Gemini passwords has been implemented which should result in shippers seeing an improvement in service.
4. A substantive exercise has been carried out to validate Gemini shipper contacts. Between 50 - 60 contacts were made, which has led to an increased awareness of implementation, a more complete list of contacts and additional Forum attendees. The exercise has provided a better understanding of shipper involvement in API Trials, Training and Shipper Trials.
5. UDT completed. All reported faults closed and retested.

Plans for Next Period

1. The Connectivity Trial commences 7th March 05.
2. Work to be shared with the Shipper Working Group on fault classification for the project.
3. A pilot training course is planned for the Shipper Working Group on 17th March 05.
4. UK-LINK Committee meeting 17th March 05.

Key Shipper Facing Milestone Summary Status

Milestone	Target Date	Status
Shipper Trial Environment Security Access Notification	31/01/2005	Completed
Special Shipper Working Group to discuss Phased Cutover Implementation details	01/02/2005	Completed
User Defined Testing (UDT) Completion	14/02/2005	Completed
Shipper Working Group	16/02/2005	Completed

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Milestone	Target Date	Status
Phase 2 API Specifications and Bulk Upload Download File formats submitted for UKLINK Approval	18/02/2005	Completed
Shipper Trial Environment Connectivity Testing	21/02/2005	Proposed Date of 07/03/2005 on target.
Shipper Forum	23/02/2005	Completed on 24/02/2005
Pilot External Gemini Training Course	23/03/2005	Proposed date of 17/03/2005. On Target
Shipper Working Group	23/03/2005	On Target
Shipper Forum	05/04/2005	On Target
Phase 1 API Testing Start	11/04/2005	On Target
User Confidence Testing (UCT) Completion	18/04/2005	On Target
Deliver External End User Gemini training	18/04/2005	On Target
Deliver External Train the Trainer Gemini training	25/04/2005	On Target
Phase 2 API Testing start	09/05/2005	On Target
External Shippers Delivering Own Training	16/05/2005	On Target
Shipper Trial Start	13/06/2005	On Target
Gemini 9A * UK Link Committee Approval of File formats	16/06/2005	On Target
Implementation Date	18/10/2005	On Target

Risks/Issues

- Modification (Mod 724 Acceptance of Gemini Energy Implementation by Shippers) raised associated to Gemini acceptance criteria. NGT put forward their arguments for opposing the modification. These were issued to the community for their response in the DMR (Draft Modification Report) of 10/11/04. NGT forwarded the FMR (Final Modification Report) to Ofgem on 21st December 2004 for their consideration and decision. NGT has planned for the following activities to review the acceptance criteria with the shippers: -
 - Review draft criteria with SWG 24th November
 - Review draft criteria with Shipper Forum 8th December
 - Review performance criteria with Shipper Working Group 11th January 2005

Changes to RAG Status

- Changed to Green after UK-Link Committee meeting's consideration of Shipper Acceptance Criteria Document in February 2005 returned no comments.