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### Gemini Project

#### Shipper Working Group Notes 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005 Tottenham Court Rd, London

##### Present

Mike Carter (MC)	Centrica
Andy Ryder (AR)	E.On UK
Jonathan Carr (JC)	E.On UK
Jacqui Revitt (JR)	Gaz de France
Michael Reid (MR)	Scottish Power
Stuart Wing	Shell Energy
Andy Vale	Statoil
Rob Snow (RS)	Total
Mark Nicolson (MN)	NGT
Sandra Kerr (SK)	NGT
Zena Kirk (ZK)	Wipro
Roy Leddy (RL)	xoserve

##### Apologies

Anupam Gupta	BG Group
Harjit Ruprai	Barclays
Dave Roberts	Centrica
Matt Wrigley	Centrica
Tim Johnson	E.On UK
Andy Baynes	NGT
John Regan	NGT

##### Agenda

- Introductions
- Progress from last Shipper Working Group Meeting
- Actions from last Shipper Forum Meeting
- Early View API Trials Update
- UCT Update
- Shipper Trials Update
- MPLS Update
- Shipper Readiness Document
- Disaster Recovery
- Exit Reform
- Next Steps
- AOB

The Shipper Working Group (SWG) met to receive updates on the Early View API Trials, UCT, Shipper Trials and MPLS and to discuss the Shipper Readiness document, Disaster Recovery and Exit Reform.

The following is intended to capture the salient points made at the meeting, including questions raised and agreements made, followed by actions.

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### Workshop Content

#### Progress from last Shipper Working Group Meeting

MN reviewed and updated the actions from the previous SWG meeting. The following actions received further discussion:

**SWG90:** NGT to provide a specific breakdown of number of Shippers using the screen-based bulk uploads and those using the I'X file-based uploads during the API Early View Shipper Trials

**and SWG91:** NGT to provide synchronisation of request and response times of issues raised during the API Early View Shipper Trials

JC and AR were asked to take responses back to TJ; these actions will be considered complete unless NGT hear otherwise

**SWG93:** The MPLS update report to be distributed

Apologies were made for the delay in producing this report; it is still the intention to produce and distribute a written update

#### Actions from last Shipper Forum Meeting

MN reviewed and updated the actions from the previous Shipper Forum meeting.

**SF39:** NGT to facilitate a day of high-volume testing and to publish what they expect the server to be able to support on that day

JR suggested the high-volume day should be scripted, SK will look into this

**SF51:** NGT to report the magnitude of the changes in the invoicing file format specifications

The file format changes have been issued to the UK-Link Committee. Two of the changes that have been queried are

- the VAT Registration number format, which has been amended to comply with EC Regulations
- the charge type description field, which has been amended to be consistent with Entry Capacity

**SF58:** NGT to assess the impact of the Multiple Short code functionality within the Network Code

Various Shippers have responded and are being dealt with on an individual basis. AR requested that SK check full functionality will be available when using Multiple BA functionality. Later during the meeting it was confirmed that this was the case.

SK to check whether Storage Operators would require a separate login (*SWG95*)

#### Early View API Trials Update

SK gave the latest update on the Early View API Trials

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JC reported that his experience had been good, but the feedback was that the Support Team would have benefited from the inclusion of a Business Specialist, and this should be incorporated during the Shipper Trials (SWG96)

RS felt the Gemini web forum to be a particularly useful tool and that the wider Shipper Community should be encouraged to use it

### UCT Update

MN presented the UCT Completion Report; no comments have been received to-date

A general feeling of confidence was expressed going into Shipper Trials

It was commented here that Training had suffered only from unreliable Internet connections

### Shipper Trials Entry

SK shared the plans for Shipper Trials; the following points were noted:

- An e-mail will be sent confirming when the user ids will be issued (SWG97)
- SK to check if zero nominations entered prior to 27<sup>th</sup> April will be in the datacut (SWG98)
- NGT to notify Shippers on the days maintenance activities/code deployments will be taking place (SWG99)
- JC had requested the AT-Link training environment to be populated with the datacut available for Gemini to aid testing. SK to investigate (SWG100)
- The batch scheduler will be running during weekends but will not be supported

### Shipper Readiness Document

ZK outlined the purpose of the document and requested feedback

### MPLS Update

RL clarified that the I'X and MPLS solutions could not run in parallel on Shipper sites. RS asked how quickly the service could be reverted back to I'X if necessary (SWG101) and how market information was to be accessed during the changeover (SWG102).

MN to provide feedback from Shippers who have already had the service updated, and to include this in the next Shipper Forum (SWG103).

### Disaster Recovery

The proposed Disaster Recovery outage times have been submitted to the UK-Link Committee.

MR asked if these will be regular tests, RL stated they will be undertaken as part of the annual infrastructure testing.

### Exit Reform

Internal discussions are taking place regarding using Gemini Entry Capacity functionality for the Exit Capacity Auctions

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### **Any Other Business**

#### ***Implementation Outage Times***

AR requested an update on the outage times for Implementation. The outage times submitted to the UK-Link Committee will be circulated to the Shipper Forum distribution list (SWG104)

#### ***New Meter Messages***

JC asked for clarification of the proposed ongoing functionality of New Meter Messages, and requested that it could be tested within Shipper Trials (SWG105)

#### ***Training***

MC praised the Training Team for the good work they are doing, the courses cater for novices as well as more experienced users

#### ***Meeting Closed***