

Gemini Project – Shipper Group Workshop 30 September 2003

Buckingham Gate, London

Present:

D Lazarus (Attachmate)
David Trueman (SSE)
Michael Reid (Scottish Power)
A Billimaria (Powergen)
John Patterson (RWE Innogy)
Rob Snow (Total)
Dave Roberts (BGT)
Nick Gold (BGT)
Mike Carter (BGT)
Tony Brandi (Statoil)
S Corkery (Statoil)
Stuart Wing (Shell Energy)
David Budgen (EDF Energy)
Paul Rogers (BP)
R Hale (BP)
Tamar Zeffertt (Entergy Koch)
Caroline Boyes (Total)
Matthew Hatch (NGT – O&T Operations Manager)
Sandra Kerr (NGT – IS Implementation Manager)
Susan Knights (NGT – Operational Manager – Training & Development)
David Williamson (NGT – IS Manager)
Pete Simms (NGT – Business User)
Jill Griffin (Customer Service Manager)
Steve Cartmell (NGT – Business User)

Workshop Content

The Workshop opened with an introduction by Susan Knights who explained the agenda for the day. The majority of the agenda focussed on the Entry Capacity release.

Susan confirmed that the Entry Capacity release (replacement for RGTA) was currently on target, as previously advised, for a phased implementation with a Gas Go Live date of 1 November 2003. This is still challenging but all key dates and milestones are being met.

Susan then provided an update to the Issues Log. The following Issues were updated and/or closed:

GPSG25 – Update provided and agreed to close.
GPSG29 – Update provided.
GPSG45 – Update provided.
GPSG47 – NGT agreed to provide an update as soon as possible.
GPSG49 – Agreed to close.
GPSG53 – Update provided.
GPSG54 – Update provided.
GPSG55 – Agreed to close.
GPSG56 – Agreed to close.

Security & Testing

Steve Cartmell presented an update on security and testing advising of a number of changes to security within the system. Steve also advised that for the first three months there would not be a replacement for the existing password reset facility for Shipper LSO's. This will require all password resets to be completed via the NGT IS Help Line.

Shipper Trials

Pete Simms presented an update on Shipper Trials and the detail of what will be covered during the three-week period. A request was made for 'path' for the trials to be made available as soon as possible and for the detail of the trials to be provided in a more usable format. Pete also shared a detailed plan by day including expected results. It was suggested that a telephone line could be used for update messages. NGT agreed to consider this option.

Implementation

Following a coffee break Pete reconfirmed the implementation for Entry Capacity. NGT confirmed they would make a detailed Implementation Plan available to the community as soon as possible.

Training

Susan Knights provided an update on the training that had taken place to date and further extended the offer for a trainer to revisit Shippers who had been affected by the poor performance of the training environment. Susan reconfirmed that the training environment would be made available for the Train the Trainer sessions during the first two weeks of October and advised of the process for receiving the training account allocations.

APIs

Finally Dave Williamson gave a presentation on APIs. Dave advised of the current situation and the plan to make 5 Entry Capacity APIs available for use as part of shipper trials. Dave also advised of the status with regard to bulk upload/download and confirmed that this would not be part of the Entry Capacity release.

A number of new issues were raised and are listed below:

- Q - When will the API schema definitions be given to the shippers?
- Q - Will the reset password facility via the IS help line be available 24 hrs?
- Q - How do we ensure the correct user is asking for the password reset?
- Q - Is it only the LSO who can arrange the change via the Help line?
- Q - How many LSOs are allowed for an individual shipper?
- Q - A request was made for NGT to share the UDT test scenarios with the shippers.

These will be logged and the updated version of the Issues Log will be made available on the Shipper Web Site.

It was agreed to hold the next Workshop during w/c 3 November, date and venue to be confirmed.