

# **Project Nexus Advisory Group**

DECC's Consultation Conclusion  
(Towards a Smarter Future - December 2009)

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- Three main points of clarity that have a direct impact on Project Nexus
  - **Section 4 – Proposals for the Non-Domestic Sector**
    - “The Government is adjusting its proposals in this area. The Government confirms its intention to mandate the installation of meters with smart functionality at non-domestic sites covered by the Consultation (consumption of less than 732,000 kWh) on the same timescale as for domestic sites, with exceptions under certain circumstances. However, the exceptions will be much more limited in respect of meters installed after 2014”.
    - This complements Supplier Standard Licence Condition 12  
“Where the licensee installs or arranges for the installation of a gas meter to a non-domestic premises where the AQ is greater than 732,000kWh”  
“From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014 the licensee must not supply gas to a premise other than through an advanced meter, unless the licensee is unable to arrange or install the advanced meter despite taking all reasonable steps to do so”

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- **Section 6 – Implementation Programme & Next Steps**
  - More clarity on the Smart Implementation Programme (SMIP) timescales.
    - Definition of the three phases of SMIP, but further information required re the scope and timing of SMIP. (Project Nexus planning assumption that the SMIP Prospectus (Phase I) will define the scope of SMIP in sufficient detail to allow any remaining Project Nexus requirements to be scoped and defined – Stage 2)
- **Section 2 – Proposals for Domestic Sector – Delivery Model**
  - Confirmation of intention to have a CCP, but still no definition of its scope

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## Section 4 – Proposals for the Non-Domestic Sector

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- **Analysis as of December 2009 shows that in this category (>732,000KWh):**
  - Total Number of Supply Points approx 31,400 (including DM & Unique Sites, but excluding NTS)
    - Total Number of Meter Points approx 55,600
    - Aggregate % consumption approx 38%
- **Impact on AMR Project Nexus Topic Workgroup discussions?**
  - Minimum number of Sites ultimately in scope of non-Smart approx 31,400
  - No clear definitive distinction between AMR & Smart Meter functionality
  - Unknown number of Sites with AMR equipment which would fall within the Government exceptions
  - PNUNC proposed number of AMR Detailed Requirements workgroups as 37, but not yet ratified by PNUNC (discussion 18/01/10)
  - Alternative 'holistic' approach, may better utilise resources and accelerate progress
    - Smaller number of workshops, not by topic area, but by understanding what the additional requirements are over and above Daily Metering Elective. Say 10 workshops starting in April 2010

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## Section 6 – Implementation Programme & Next Steps

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- More definition of SMIP Phases
  - Phase I & II dates included in amended Project Nexus – Requirements Definition Phase Project Plan
    - Phase dates used as reconciliation and alignment of works carried out to date
    - Interim checkpoints included in the Project Nexus plan to formalise relationships between the two projects (SMIP and Project Nexus)
  - Project Nexus will be the xoserve gateway for external interaction and engagement with SMIP
    - This is reflected within Version 3.0 of Project Nexus – Development of Requirements Project Brief
    - Project Brief will be amended as and when more detail becomes available from SMIP in respect of SMIP interaction
  - Project Nexus will not fetter SMIP rather it will complement
    - Relevant information/deliverables will flow between the two projects. Information to and from Project Nexus will be managed by xoserve

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## Section 2 – Proposals for Domestic Sector – Delivery Model

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- Confirmation of intention to have a CCP, but scope to be defined
  - This decision will not require any changes to the Project Nexus approach & plan
    - Consistent with agreed planning assumption
    - Therefore, no change required at present
    - Will need to be reassessed once more information is known about the scope of the SMIP
      - Assumption that there will be sufficient detail in SMIP Prospectus – Phase 1 (Summer 2010) to scope and plan Stage 2 Project Nexus activities

# Key changes on Project Nexus – Development of Requirements Project Brief

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- **Key Differences between V2.0 and V3.0**
  - Governance
    - Clearer statement of xoserve's 'ownership' of the Project Brief
    - More information in respect of xoserve's internal project governance
  - PNUNC Topic Workgroups
    - Reflection of recent PNUNC discussions and workgroup timetables
  - SMIP
    - Project Nexus will be the xoserve gateway for external interaction and engagement with SMIP Project Brief
    - SMIP Phases and milestones included in Project Nexus Project Plan
  - Project Plan
    - Gantt chart included to reflect PNUNC Topic Workgroups & SMIP known activities
  - Stakeholders
    - Comments from stakeholders reviewed and included as appropriate
      - Formal feedback will be passed back to relevant Stakeholders
    - Stakeholder section populated

# Key changes on Project Nexus – Development of Requirements Project Brief

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- **Project Brief publication and review cycle**
  - **‘Living Document’ to reflect changes**
    - Version 3.0
      - Presently undergoing xoserve’s governance process
      - Will be amended before issue to reflect PNAG and PNUNC discussions on 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 respectively
      - Will be issued shortly to the industry
      - PNAG and PNUNC members will be invited to review and pass back their comments
      - xoserve will then baseline after final pass through xoserve’s governance
    - Further versions
      - Plan to update and issue no more frequently than quarterly unless there are major changes