Design Forum – Monday 1st July 2019

Xoserve attendees:

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The objective of the meeting was to present the physical design and interface documents.

This meeting was very well attended with representation from all Industry segments. Space within the room was limited, many participants dialled into this meeting.

Physical design

Landmark introduced their primary design advising they have been mapping logical to physical which their approach being agile and collaborative. Landmark have created a API developer portal, this portal will hold revisions to the API's and will provide industry parties the ability to view API's on an ongoing basis as Landmark are taking an agile design. The interface specification will continue to also be published via Programme Governance.

The current version of the specification include approved programme changes up to CR37, any approved CRs post this number are still to be included. These outstanding CRs will impact the current published design but will be included in the final specification.

Current timelines indicate that the final version of the interface specs will be issued to design forum on the 5th August. The walkthrough of this specification will be walked through at design forum on the 12th August. Approval will requested at design authority on the 23rd August.

Use of IX and DTN is still being looked into. DCC advised they are looking at a third option of direction communication to CSS. The physical design has not considered NFRs at this point, however the design document does describe some detail of fails and errors with some NFR timings.

NFRs and CSS messaging are still being considered by the CSS provider. Delivery of messages to Shippers with multiple Suppliers was raised, it was confirmed that messaging will be delivered based on Organisation role which is based on the Organisations short code and role. Landmark have taken an action to think about messaging and the allowance of Organisations to pick and choose messages to receive.

Security was raised with Ofgem advising the approach is still being discussed but we should see a firm position by the end of this week with the release of the security policy. It was mentioned that TLS 1.2 or above will be used.

Landmark's latest version of the physical design was released for review on Friday 28th June. Review comments are to be issued to Ofgem PMO by midday 8th July 19.

<u>Secondary interfaces</u>

All ESPs were required to present their secondary interface design to the workgroup attendees.

Xoserve were first on the agenda to present their secondary interfaces. EL reiterated our interfaces are 'draft', we are still in detailed design and we have future releases that will potentially further change our existing file formats. We confirmed our overarching principles agreed with our customers for our consequential design is to change file formats for retained switching processes to be minimised and only updated where essential. Where possible the current file/record formats should be reused to minimise industry change.

 Xoserve re-iterated our file formats are governed by UNC and will be released for industry consultation on a staged basis during August and September with final approvals in October.

Ofgem advised as a programme and to aid build activities all secondary interfaces will go through consultation and approval via the programme governance, however acknowledge our position.

St Clements and C&C Group provided their secondary interface updates.

St Clements change is the decommissioning of current registration flows which will be superseded by CSS primary interfaces.

C&C Groups highlighted an issue in how they interact with CSS and incorporate real time interfaces. This thinking is now taking place as their focus has been solely Stage 0. No other consequential changes were called out.

Electralink were on the original agenda to present their changes but were not present.

<u>Retail Energy Location (REL)</u>

Landmark's physical design includes the use of UPRN for REL address. It has been confirmed that licence conditions cover the use of UPRN for switching purposes. All ESPs raised concerns acknowledge that DES and ECOES are used for other purposes as well as switching. Ofgem have taken an action to think about this issue.