

# Interim Project Nexus Steering Group [PNSG]

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# Agenda

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Minutes can be found on the **Ofgem** website at:  
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/gas/retail-market/market-review-and-reform/project-nexus>

- **Prior 30 June** – Informal planning discussions with Xoserve
- **30 June 2016** – Ofgem published Scenario C decision
- **7 July 2016** – First in person Industry Planning session held to talk through the February and April go live plans and identify additional information required to gain confidence in the plan.
- **MTWG** held to address 4 questions as input to the plan:
  1. When will Market Trials complete?
  2. How long is required for Regression Test?
  3. What is the scope of Regression Test?
  4. Can Regression test be completed on the current data set?
- **TPG** held to address 2 questions as input to the plan:
  1. What is the impact of changing Go-live date on the existing transition product set?
  2. What are the impacts to specific transition products?
- **DMG** held to address 1 question as input to the plan:
  1. What participant-focused data cleaning and migration activities should be reflected in the new Implementation Plan?
- **Xoserve** revise their plan with updated MT testing completion date, bulk data load and revised regression testing duration
- **20 July 2016** Second in-person Industry Planning session held

Key elements in the latest plan:

- Includes 2<sup>nd</sup> bulk load of data by Xoserve
- Assumes completion of MT @ end of September
- Includes 2.5 months regression
- Leads to 1 April delivery date

Areas of concern:

1. Lack of contingency in critical path of Xoserve data loads
2. Level of parallelism in the plan
3. Uncertainty on MT completion date – could lead to MT becoming critical path

### Background Information

Over the last few weeks a number of initiatives were underway to find ways to improve market trials testing, quicken the pace and be able to estimate a likely conclusion date for testing with confidence. This work has involved Xoserve, Ofgem, Baringa, PwC and Market Participants and has taken the form of:

- Engagement with the Market Trials Working Group (**MTWG**)
- Execution of the **defect prioritisation process** along with analysis of Xoserve's performance and whether defect priorities map to what participants report as blockers
- Analysis of Market Participant **portal submissions** and follow up by PwC through assurance site visits and by Ofgem as appropriate
- Gathering and analysis of data by a dedicated Market Trials **Task Force**
- Collaboration between **Baringa and PwC** to compile and prioritise a list of findings and actions from their respective assurance reviews
- Reviewing existing actions listed in the **PNDG/PNSG** action log

The recommended actions from each of these activities has been compiled. The next step is to prioritise these actions with input from each of the stakeholders and document corresponding owners and due dates. Actions will then be tracked through PNDG/PNSG.

Reflecting on the noted issues and actions in the subsequent slides, the three areas of greatest concern are root causes 2, 3, and 4 as detailed in the list below.

Root Cause	Description
1. Functionality	Planned and/or delivered functionality has impact on market trials testing.
2. Understanding of Project Nexus Processes	The processes and the required steps and activities in gas settlement have varying degrees of understanding across and within Market Participant organisations. This is causing issues within market trials testing, including invalid defects.
3. Xoserve's Support Processes	Xoserve's interaction with Market Participants through market trials. For example, the timeliness and completeness of communications, reporting on resolutions, sharing of FAQs.
4. Blocking Defects, Defect Resolution and Query Response	This includes the timely and detailed reporting of defects found as well as the subsequent prioritising and resolution of the defects with sufficient detail shared to Market Participants. It also includes query response rates.
5. Data	The availability of sufficient data to enable complete testing in all critical areas within market trials and subsequently regression testing along with other data issues.
6. Participant's Internal Processes and Management	Within each Market Participant's organisation, the available resources, timeline management of internal blockers, consistent commitment to reporting on the portal and effective communication between partner organisations.

## Next steps for the Industry Plan

### MTWG Problem Solving

- Challenge the current approach to testing and provide greater confidence in the end date provided as an input to the Industry Plan

### TPG Problem Solving

- Outline the options available for IDR to address the risk of the IDR being the first time transformation data is testing in the Industry Plan.

### PNSG

- Consider the Industry Plan (with caveats) with the work plan put in place to further mitigate the risk profile and build confidence in the detailed plan through August

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July	25 MTWG	26 PNDG TPG	27	28 PNDG	29
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### PNDG

- Update from problem solving sessions
- Identify next steps to build further confidence in the plan being put forward to PNSG
- Identify reporting baseline to use for future PNDG while Industry Planning is being finalised
- Outcome: Industry Plan (with caveats) to PNSG

### PNSF

- Communicate to senior stakeholders

### DMG

- Determine GONG criteria metrics

### PNDG

- Begin reporting to new baseline
- Introduce new reporting design