

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 85th Meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2011
at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: C Warner (National Grid Distribution), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks), J Martin (Scotia Gas Networks), P Hobbins (National Grid NTS) and S Trivella (Wales & West Utilities)

User Representatives: C Wright (British Gas Trading), P Broom (GDF Suez) and R Fairholme (E.ON UK)

Joint Office: T Davis (Chair) and R Fletcher (Secretary)

Observers Present: A Miller (Xoserve), D Ianora (Ofgem), E Melen (Scotia Gas Networks)

Record of Alternates: J Martin for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks), P Broom for A Green (Total) and P Hobbins for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS)

Apologies for Absence: A Gibson, A Green, R Hall (Consumer Focus) and R Hewitt

85.3 Matters of Implementation

a) Draft DESC Terms of Reference

S Trivella advised that Modification 0331 is likely to be implemented around 01 January 2012. J Ferguson felt that the terms of reference (ToR) should be changed to allow the forming of an expert group as a sub group of DESC rather than a formal "Expert Group" with its own ToR. J Martin advised that this view sits with the text as drafted and that the ToR should be amended prior to forming the expert group. S Trivella suggested that a guidance document is drafted to manage the membership of DESC and possibly the expert group e.g. how are members chosen or elected.

R Fletcher agreed to seek views from DESC members by email to gauge views on membership.

b) Draft Expert Group Terms of Reference

UNCC considered separate ToR were not required for the expert group and the process should be managed through the DESC ToR. J Ferguson agreed to review and amend the DESC ToR to reflect this position in time for the next UNCC.

85.4 Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement

P Broom advised that he and A Green were not supporting the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement but were choosing to abstain rather than delay the process any further. C Wright held a similar view but wished the process

to continue.

Following discussion, the UNCC determined by MAJORITY VOTE that the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement is approved with C Wright, R Fairholme, C Warner, J Ferguson, J Martin, P Hobbins and S Trivella voting in favour of approval.

85.5 Any Other Business

None raised

85.6 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meetings as:

Thursday 19 January 2012, at the ENA, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.