

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 164th Meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2017
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

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Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total	C Warner (CW), Cadent Gas
A Love (AL), ScottishPower	H Chapman (HC), SGN
E Wells (EW), Corona	Joanna Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks
G Jack (GJ), British Gas	M Hatch (MH), National Grid NTS
R Fairholme (RF), Uniper	R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities
S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	N Rozier (NR), BUUK Infrastructure

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative	Independent Supplier Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair	R Elliott (RH)		N Anderson (NA)

Also in Attendance:

C Nicolas (CN), Xoserve; F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; M Shurmer (MS), Observer; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RFI), Secretary; R Hailes (RHa), Joint Office; R Hinsley (RHi), Xoserve; S Britton (SB), Cornwall Insight.

** by teleconference*

164.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

G Jack for A Margan (British Gas)
M Hatch for D Lond (National Grid)

164.2 Apologies for Absence

A Margan
D Lond

164.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from 21 September 2017 meeting were approved.

Action UNC0901: To provide an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Processes Summary Report (inc. AUG Year aspects; a range of potential options and recommendations and supporting timelines around any potential conclusions; and provide clarification around the legal advice received) to the October meeting.

Update: See item 164.4 a) below. **Closed.**

164.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) AUG Process Summary Report

FC provide an update and presentation to complete action UNC0901.

FC explained that the AUG process review was undertaken due to a number of concerns raised by UNC parties following the changes in approach around the publication of the AUG Table and due to the requirement to undertake an annual review.

FC highlighted a number of issues and comments raised during the review.

FC explained that currently information is to be published on the Xoserve share point site and this information is restricted to Shippers. However, it would be possible to provide the information via the Joint Office website where applicable and if the industry had a desire to do so.

FC explained the contractual position with the AUGE appointment and the break clauses allowed. SM was concerned that the following AUG year may have commenced before the break clause was enacted. FC stated that the review and any subsequent procurement process would take time and therefore the incumbent AUGE would need to complete the year in question.

AL suggested that the AUG year is suspended until a new AUGE is appointed. FC suggested a modification would be required to create the roll over of the previous years values.

FC suggested that further clarity was required in the rules/process to create a fail-safe approach on what is to be delivered was needed, which should include a review of the whole AUG process and decision points.

SM was concerned how a review would work when the specific contractual arrangements are unknown, even with FGO implemented. Should a modification/request be raised to bring forward the discussion and make changes.

AP suggested that it seemed from the analysis undertaken that a Framework review would be a good step forward, which could be coupled with use of the modification process to make changes that UNCC members felt may be needed.

AL challenged why the AUGGE is waiting for the industry to identify issues rather than being proactive and looking for issues itself, identifying impacts and solutions based on its own analysis. Using this approach, they would be able to head off issues and offer more proactive options.

Members thanked FC for the update and in conclusion agreed that:

- a Review of AUG framework and scope was needed;
- a Request should be raised by a UNC party to undertake the AUG framework review;
- Include an agenda item for a review of the AUGGE at the April UNCC meeting.

b) Proposed Amendments to Transitional AQ Validation Rules

Members unanimously agreed to consider this presentation at short notice as it related to UIG issues.

DA explained the background to the presentation and that the Validation Rules had previously been amended to attempt to correct an issue with Aqs set to 1. This additional amendment would remove the AQ set to 1 and retain the prevailing AQ.

DA explained that approval is required by 23 October to meet 01 November application date. He confirmed updates would be provided in an offline spreadsheet and not by the NRL file.

SM asked what industry groups had been advised of the proposed change. DA confirmed the information hadn't been shared with technical/operational forums. AL was concerned about this due to the issues with the use of different formats and suggested it might be worth waiting for a month to ensure the message is sent out. SM suggested that approval should be caveated based on consideration by the appropriate technical forums.

EW asked which would be the appropriate technical forum? DA advised this would be managed through the DSC change management process and directly by the SDG meeting planned for the following week.

EW suggested it is raised at the UIG awareness day on 20 October so that parties are aware of the proposals so that they can arrange representation at the SDG.

Members unanimously approved the amendments to Transitional AQ Validation Rules subject to agreement by the SDG that the process can be implemented.

DA advised that he would be discussing the understated AQs at PAC which would hopefully make a recommendation to UNCC on an implementation approach at the November meeting.

164.5 Any Other Business

a) None

164.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 16 November 2017, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (19 October 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0901	21/09/17	163.5(c)	To provide an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Processes Summary Report (inc. AUG Year aspects; a range of potential options and recommendations and supporting timelines around any potential conclusions; and provide clarification around the legal advice received) to the October meeting.	Xoserve (FC)	Closed