

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 166th Meeting held on Thursday 21 December 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	D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS
A Margan (AM), British Gas	H Chapman (HC), SGN
E Wells (EW), Corona	S Key (SK), Northern Gas Networks
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 Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair	R Elliott (RH)	E Proffitt (EP)	N Anderson (NA)

Also in Attendance:

C Whitehouse* (CWh), First Utility; 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 and S Britton* (SBr), Cornwall Insight.

** by teleconference*

167.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

S Key for J Ferguson (NGN)

167.2 Apologies for Absence

J Ferguson

167.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from 16 November 2017 meeting were approved.

167.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) Subcommittee attendance

BF advised that the 6 monthly report was due and if members still required a report on committee attendance – was it still useful?

Members agreed that the report was beneficial in aiding their understanding as to how the subcommittees operated and would like to continue with the report.

b) Amendment to the AUGÉ framework document

RP presented the proposed changes to the AUGÉ framework document, requesting members to approve the amendments as these were minor corrections, clarifying that LDZ Shrinkage is out of scope of the AUG process. AM questioned this view as he felt Shrinkage has always been in scope but was considered to be zero value. SM disagreed with this view as he was of the view that upstream transporter Shrinkage was in the remit of transporters and managed through the Shrinkage forum and direct reporting to Ofgem. AL wanted to understand what was the intent of the original modification and would this amendment change the intent and scope. RP confirmed that in his view it was adding clarity that Shrinkage is managed through Transporter licence conditions.

AM challenged the role of the UNCC in this process and if it could make an amendment to the rules for AUGÉ without greater scrutiny. BF confirmed that the UNCC could always consider consultation with the industry before agreeing an amendment. AM suggested a review group should be established to provide a report and recommendations.

RP wanted clarity on the Shrinkage aspects for Transporters to ensure there is clarity for this year's process and therefore delay was undesirable while waiting for a review group to report. This amendment should be undertaken asap to give certainty.

AP asked if one month's delay would prevent or hinder the current AUG process. FC advised that the AUG process is commencing and that long delay may impact the analysis work required. However, one month wouldn't cause too much disruption.

AM asked how would the weighting table would work if Shrinkage is excluded. FC advised that it would be as has happened now, Shrinkage would be considered as a zero factor.

EP challenged the proposed wording as it appeared to say the AUGÉ would check if Ofgem were undertaking the necessary controls. How would the AUGÉ be able to investigate Ofgem's activities?

AL asked if it would be useful for Ofgem to provide a steer – this was considered to be helpful.

Members agreed it would be beneficial if a consensus could be achieved and they requested the Distribution Workgroup to provide a view before this returns to the UNCC for further consideration.

167.5 Any Other Business

a) PAC constituency construction and voting

AM noted that when the PAC was first established, a role was created for a non-voting member to allow interested parties to be included and provide a more diverse view, without impacting the voting balance. He would like to suggest that as the settlement risk predominately resides with Shippers, they should have an opportunity to involve more members in closed sessions of PAC, even if these were non-voting positions.

He then challenged why someone could not attend if they had signed the correct forms and had specific knowledge that would benefit the committee.

RP noted the concerns and agreed that PAC was dealing with general issues rather analysing data which might require a more defined membership. Therefore, as part of its education role so it might be beneficial to get additional experience in the room. He also noted that PAC might be able to offer more open meetings (or part of the meeting) if confidential information was not being presented.

AM asked if this item could be included on the next UNCC agenda and he would consider if membership changes were required.

167.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 18 January 2018, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (21 December 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update