

UNC Workgroup Individual Terms of Reference

0778R – Gas Vacant Sites Process Review

Introduction

This is an Individual Terms of Reference that includes matters referred from Panel or identified within any initial representations. It replaces the standard Terms of Reference.

Purpose of the Request and its Solution

Review the process and treatment of Long-Term Vacant sites in Settlement. Please refer to <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0778>

Topics for Discussion

The scope of the review should include but not be limited to:

- The scope of Request 0778R which should include but not limited to:
 - The existing arrangements as defined in the UNC for amending AQs; and
 - The accuracy of Settlement data recorded within industry systems such as UK Link.
 - What criteria must be met to classify a site as Vacant;
 - How long a site can be classified as Vacant for;
 - And what reading should be entered into settlement
 - How could a Vacant Site Process interact with other Industry Processes
 - How could sites that are classified as vacant be reviewed and audited? Understanding the objective
- Addressing the Panel Questions raised in August 2021:
 - Review Modification 0282 as along similar lines which Ofgem rejected previously.
 - Why are existing process(es) not suitable?
 - Request Workgroup to provide quarterly updates to Panel.
- Identify and consider any potential Cross Code Impacts, in particular Independent Gas Transporter (IGT) and REC governance.
- Consumer impacts/benefits.

Output

To produce quarterly updates to the UNC Panel on the following dates:-

- December 2021,
- March 2022,
- June 2022

Final Workgroup Report in August 2022 for submission to the UNC Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendation(s) of the 0778R UNC Workgroup.

If at any time during the discussions that it is felt that this request can report earlier, this can be scheduled and agreed in advance with the UNC Panel Secretary to include in Agenda of UNC Panel Meetings.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present. Where meetings are not quorate a decision will be made as to whether to proceed with the meeting or reschedule.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice.

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