

Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime Guidelines

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Development of Rules

1 The requirement to publish the “**Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime**” document is specified in Section [xxx] of the Transportation Principal Document (TPD) of the Uniform Network Code (UNC). This section also provides for the document to be published and revised from time to time. The provision reads:

“1 Each Document shall be kept up to date and published by the Transporters on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website

2 The Rules set out below meet the Gas Transporter’s obligation to prepare Guidelines, while the Document Control Section records changes which have been made to the Guidelines. The document is published on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website, www.gasgovernance.co.uk

3 These guidelines can only be modified in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraph 12 of Section V of the UNC Transportation Principal Document, which reads as follows:

“UNIFORM NETWORK CODE – TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT SECTION V – GENERAL

12 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO UNC RELATED DOCUMENTS

12.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to establish generic governance arrangements in respect of the following UNC Related Documents (each a “**Document**” and collectively the “**Documents**”):-

- Network Code Operations Reporting Manual as referenced in Section V9.4;
- Network Code Validation Rules referenced in Section M1.5.3;
- ECQ Methodology as referenced in Section Q6.1 .1(c); and
- Measurement Error Notification Guidelines for NTS to LDZ and LDZ to LDZ

Measurement Installations as referenced in OAD Section D 3.1.5

e) the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Document referenced in Section E10.1.1

f) the Customer Settlement Error Claims Process Guidance Document referenced in Section E1.3.10.

12.2 Publication Requirements

Each Document shall be kept up to date and published by the Transporters on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website.

12.3 Modifications

Should a User or Transporter wish to propose modifications to any of the Documents, such proposed modifications shall be submitted to the Uniform Network Code Committee and considered by the Uniform Network Code Committee or any relevant sub-committee where the Uniform Network Code Committee so decide by majority vote.

12.4 Approved Modifications

12.4.1 In the event that a proposed modification is approved by a majority vote of the Uniform Network Code Committee, the modification shall be implemented. Where the Uniform Network Code Committee fails to achieve majority approval the proposed modification shall be considered in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 7 of the Uniform Network Code Modification Rules unless the Uniform Network Code Committee determines otherwise.

12.4.2 Each revised version of a Document shall be version controlled and retained by the Transporters. It shall be made available on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website.”

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1. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- ‘Change’ means the addition to, variation of, or removal of any of the services within the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator Scope
- ‘Energy Settlement’ means the allocation and reconciliation of energy at supply point level;
- ‘Handover Plan’ means the document detailing the exit strategy as agreed by the Performance Assurance Committee and the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator;
- ‘Performance Assurance Committee Document’ means the series of documents detailed in Section 8 of these Guidelines, prepared and maintained to support the general operation of the Performance Assurance Scheme. These documents are governed by the Performance Assurance Committee;
- ‘Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) Year’ means the year commencing on 1st October each year.
- ‘Performance Assurance Framework Administrator Scope’ means the scope of works set by the Performance Assurance Committee and agreed with the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator as set out in Document 4;
- ‘Performance Assurance Scheme Party’ means the scheme party referred to or described in section 4;
- ‘Performance Report(s)’ means a report or reports defined in the Performance Report Register;
- ‘Performance Report Register’ means the register of agreed reports defined in Document 1;
- ‘Report Specification’ means the report specification defined in Document 2;

‘Risk Register’ means the register of risks defined in Document 3;

2. Introduction

These Guidelines set out the arrangements for the general administration of the Performance Assurance Framework.

3. Performance Assurance Framework

3.1 General

The Performance Assurance Framework (the “Framework”) is the overarching framework for the Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime. The Framework comprises the Performance Assurance Scheme and its operation, the Performance Assurance Committee and its operation, the scope, operation and provision of services to be provided by the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator.

3.2 Goal

The goal of the Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime is:
“A demonstrably effective settlement regime for the gas industry where no one party adversely impacts another party as a result of its failure to operate to the defined settlement regime”.

3.3 Objectives

The Framework has the following objectives:

- To determine the appropriate reporting and analysis to measure energy settlement performance and risks to it
- To create a risk register and supporting analysis to assess risks and determine mitigation activities for energy settlement performance.
- To report as necessary
- To create a regime incentivising the required performance

These objectives may be updated from time to time as the Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime develops.

4. Performance Assurance Scheme

The Performance Assurance Scheme applies to those UNC parties that directly contribute to Energy Settlement performance i.e. those in direct control of the data inputs to Energy Settlement (the Performance Assurance Scheme Party(s)).

The Performance Assurance Scheme may initially comprise reporting against certain performance indices and the management of a Risk Register comprising risks to Energy Settlement performance.

To meet the requirements of the Performance Assurance Scheme, two new roles are created; the Performance Assurance Committee (see section 5), and the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator (see section 6).

The Performance Assurance Scheme may extend to include:

- Management of a risk model developed by a third party
- The operation of an incentive regime requiring the creation and settlement of incentive charges
- The provision of training and awareness services to existing and new Users.
- Other activities yet to be determined

5. Performance Assurance Committee

The Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) has the roles and responsibilities as defined within the Uniform Network Code Committee, Performance Assurance Committee Terms of Reference.

The PAC is defined as a Uniform Network Code Committee, or any relevant sub-committee, with certain rights and responsibilities relating to the management of the Community's Performance Assurance Framework.

In the event of any conflict between the Uniform Network Code Committee Terms of Reference and the terms of the Guidelines Document for the Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime then the Uniform Network Code Committee Terms of Reference shall prevail.

6. Performance Assurance Framework Administrator

6.1 Scope of Performance Assurance Framework Administrator role

The scope of the PAFA role is set by the PAC. Initially this is:

- Maintenance, and publication, of the Performance Report Register
- Delivery of Performance Reports in accordance with the Performance Report Register
- Review of Performance Reports and consideration of effectiveness, providing recommendations to the PAC as required

- Creation, management, maintenance and reporting (including publication) on the PAF Risk Register
- Submission of Framework Risk Register reports to the PAC
- Support to the PAC in the PAC's review of proposed risks
- Annually, conduct a consultation on the effectiveness of the Framework and the submission of a report of findings to the PAC
- The maintenance of Report Specifications as required
- The documentation and maintenance of the processes undertaken by the PAFA to deliver services to and on behalf of the PAC, to a recognised quality standard

In addition the PAFA is to:

- Attend meetings of the PAC to provide support as required
- Within 2 months of the forthcoming PAF Year, based upon the scope requested by the PAC, submit (and publish) a cost estimate range and breakdown of its forecast annual costs to the PAC.
- Where, during the PAF Year, the PAFA becomes aware that its actual costs are varying by + or – 20% of its PAF Year estimate range, the PAFA is to submit a revised cost estimate with an explanation for the variance. Note: for the first PAF Year, as many aspects of the activities will be unknown, the variance is + or – 50%.
- Respond to a request from the PAC for a change to services within 1 month of the request. Such response being provided in accordance with the Guidance Document on Best Practise – Process, Cost Estimates and Cost Allocations relating to Uniform Network Code User Pays Modification Proposals, in force at the time..

In future the PAFA may:

- Manage any Risk Model provided by a third party
- Manage the invoicing function of an incentive regime
- Provide training and awareness services to Users
- Provide a Handover Plan to the PAC to support the PAC appointment of another party to the PAFA role.
- Provide other services yet to be determined

6.2 Changes to services

Any changes to services are to be the subject of a Change request

7. Potential extension of these Guidelines as other UNC modifications are developed

These Guidelines have been prepared for the establishment of the PAC and PAFA arrangements. It is recognised that there are current and potential future modifications, in development that may require the extension of these Guidelines. These Guidelines allow for future change.

8. Performance Assurance Committee Documents

The following Performance Assurance Committee Documents – hereafter referred to as “Documents”, will be used to support the general operation of the Performance Assurance Scheme. The Documents are governed by the Performance Assurance Committee and published on the Joint Office website. Changes to these Documents can be proposed by any UNC Party, the Performance Assurance Committee and the Performance Assurance Administrator. Changes to the Documents are prepared by the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator and presented to the Performance Assurance Committee for approval.

Other Documents may be developed as and when required.

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