

**Uniform Network Code Committee**

**Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2015**

**ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF**

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>
A Green* (AG), Total and alternate for P Broom A Margan (AM), British Gas R Fairholme (RF), E.ON UK S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution D Mitchell (DM), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities F Healy (FH), National Grid NTS

**Non-Voting Members:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Consumer Representative</b>
A Plant (AP), Chair		

**Also in Attendance:**

F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; H Chapman (HC), Xoserve; K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office and R Fletcher (RF), Secretary.

\* by teleconference

#### **140.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

A Green for P Broom (GDF Suez)  
D Mitchell for E Melen (Scotia Gas Networks)

#### **140.2 Apologies for Absence**

C Alexander, E Melen and P Broom

#### **140.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting**

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Action 0901:** *Evaluation Panel* - KES to extend an invitation to the Challenger sector of the market to appoint a representative, and report the outcome to the October UNCC meeting.

**Update:** KES advised that Jeremy Guard of First Utility is nominated to attend as the Challenger sector representative.

**Closed**

**Action 0902:** All UNCC Sub-Committees to review their Terms of Reference to ensure they are delivering an annual report to the UNCC.

**Update:** To be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Pending**

#### **140.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention**

##### a) New AUGE arrangements under Modification 0473: update

FC provided a presentation concerning the development of the AUGE selection criteria required by Modification 0473 and the evaluation panel terms of reference.

FC highlighted the changes to the terms of reference, including those agreed at the previous meeting. Members agreed the criteria presented at the previous meeting should be adopted as it included the amendments proposed.

AP suggested that the wording be changed so that constituencies should be "invited to" propose a candidate; it should not be assumed that they would provide one.

SM suggested that the evaluation panel see the pre qualification questionnaire and invitation to tender before it is issued to parties wishing to tender for the service to ensure they are content the documents contain the information they require.

AM asked when the first meeting is to be, FC advised it is likely to be at some point during November although a date is to be confirmed.

AJ suggested that a short communication is issued to the industry to highlight progress to date. FC agreed to consider this option and forward any notification to the Joint Office for circulation.

Members unanimously supported the adoption of the Evaluation Panel Terms of Reference.

##### b) Proposed Amendment to the AUGE Guidelines document 'Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert'

AM presented a number of proposed changes to the framework document for discussion. The main changes proposed were to the timeline as this was to allow a longer period of time between when the new AUGE starts and when they have to provide a table, as this appears to be quite short in the current timeline. The original timeline was based on an October 2015 Nexus implementation and as this date has gone back the additional time should be utilised for planning.

AM suggested that the existing AUGE could be employed to update the transition table with the latest values. He also suggested that should the AUGE provide new values for the table, that a unanimous vote to agree the change was too high a hurdle when other changes only require a majority vote and that the guidelines be amended to reflect a lower test. JF advised that this would require a Code modification as the unanimous vote test is within Code.

SM agreed that where the changes were correcting errors or minor omissions they would be supported. However, he was concerned about changing the voting rules or requesting the existing AUGE to undertake work outside of its current scope.

JF advised that there is no current AUGE as the UNCC had previously agreed to roll over the previous year's table values and not request the AUGE to continue to develop tables for the following year.

FC advised that the previous AUGE based the table on volumes whereas the new AUGE is to use factors, so there is a mismatch in the information produced. AM felt the current AUGE and any future AUGE would be sufficiently skilled to be able to agree between them how volumes relate to factors in the table. FC advised that the transition table values utilise numbers, which are in the public domain or available through Xoserve's portal. This means that an expert is not really required to undertake this work.

AM asked is there another way the transition table could be reviewed. FC advised that any party with access to the information could review the table and that UNCC could approve those changes with a unanimous vote in favour.

JF requested if there were any comments on the procurement criteria previously provided to support the framework? AM referred to his earlier communication proposing inclusion of two additional criteria. After discussion, JF advised that she would include the criteria proposed within the tables already circulated, which could be incorporated within the current weighting ratio.

Members unanimously approved the Procurement Criteria.

- c) Project Nexus-related modifications – Revised Notices of Implementation (inc. Modification 0518S – Shipper Verification of meter and address details following system meter removals: revised implementation arrangements for approval)

LJ explained that as the Project Nexus Implementation Date had been amended, this had impacted the implementation date for Modification 0518S. Members unanimously agreed to an amended implementation date of 01 October 2016 for Modification 0518S.

- d) Implementation of Modification 0466AV - Daily Meter Reading Simplification (with improved within day data provision)

Consideration deferred.

## **140.5 Any Other Business**

a) UNCC Sub-Committee Reporting

Members requested that UNCC sub committee status be included in future UNCC agendas as previously published.

b) UKLink accelerated approval process

HC explained the proposed accelerated approvals process for UKLink and how it would be managed going forward.

LJ confirmed that UNCC was aware that it might be required to meet at short notice to respond to escalated issues during market trials.

**140.6 Next Meeting**

Thursday 19 November 2015, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

**Action Table (15 October 2015)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0901	17/09/15	139.4(b)	<i>Evaluation Panel</i> - KES to extend an invitation to the Challenger sector of the market to appoint a representative, and report the outcome to the October UNCC meeting.	KES	<b>Closed</b>
0902	17/09/15	139.5(a)	All UNCC Sub-Committees to review their Terms of Reference to ensure they are delivering an annual report to the UNCC.	UNCC Sub-Committees	<b>Pending</b> <b>Due 19 November 2015</b>