

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 148th Meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2016
Elaxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total G Jack (GJ), British Gas P Broom (PB), Engie R Fairholme (RF), E.ON UK S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution F Healey (FH), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), Scotia Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities, and alternate for J Ferguson

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair	-	-

Also in Attendance:

K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Dupont (LD), Secretary; P Hayward (PH), Opus Energy; R Fletcher (RF), Joint Office; and R Hinsley (RH), Xoserve.

148.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

G Jack for A Margan (British Gas)

R Pomroy for J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks)

148.2 Apologies for Absence

A Margan and J Ferguson

148.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from 19 May 2016 meeting were approved.

148.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) New AUGE arrangements under Modification 0473

RH provided a brief update, advising that the procurement process has entered its final stage and all contract terms have been agreed with the preferred bidder. The process is now in the regulated "Standstill" phase (allows two weeks for unsuccessful bidders to lodge formal challenges to the appointment).

It is anticipated that contracts will be signed in two weeks' time and the identity of the new party will be announced. It is expected that the new AUGE will begin work in early July, with a view to meeting the first AUG Framework deadline of 01 February 2017.

At the present time there were no identified high or medium impact risks to Target Timescales. RH outlined the remaining risks (all classified as low).

b) Performance Assurance Committee

It was noted that the first meeting is planned for 29 June 2016 (at Elexon), and RP advised that it would proceed to develop procurement guidance for Xoserve.

c) Back billing for Modification 0425

RH provided an update on the current position. The functionality to 'back bill' relevant charges was to be provided within the replacement UK Link system in October 2015 but due to the delivery date subsequently moving from October 2015 to October 2016 this functionality is not yet available; consequently the 'back billing' requirements associated with Modification 0425 cannot be met until the new UK Link system becomes available.

Providing an 'offline' manual workaround to process 'back billing' activity as an alternative to processing within UK Link will cost more (£90k - £160k) than the likely value of the 'back billing' instances for the period until October 2016 (estimated at between £60k and £120k). Provision of an 'offline' solution would take up to 6 months so would not be available before October 2016.

Shippers were made aware in April that the delay in the delivery date of the new UK Link system means that the 'back billing' requirement within Modification 0425 cannot be carried out. It was noted that reconfirmation and attachment of assets has already

occurred. RH confirmed that 'back billing' would resume once the new UK Link system is live post October 2016.

PB referred to RAASP functionality and potential effects of any delay. CW confirmed that the delivery date for this was hard coded. RH confirmed the retrospective was not associated with assets. It was then queried whether the position might worsen in the meantime. RP indicated that revenue would not be collected and RP explained the processes in more detail.

d) UK Link Committee Terms of Reference and Interim Membership Appointment

Terms of Reference (ToR)

BF advised that the UK Link Committee had recently reviewed its Terms of Reference and was seeking approval for the changes, particularly in managing the scenario where a Member had resigned, leaving an Alternate in place, who in turn then needed to be able to appoint an Alternate. Under the current ToR this was not possible, and under former circumstances, The Gas Forum (previously managers of the UNC election processes) would have been asked to run an interim election to nominate/appoint replacement Members for the UKLC.

The Joint Office had recently taken over this responsibility from The Gas Forum, but was as yet unable to run interim elections to cover this position, as the necessary formal structures/processes were not yet in place to enable this to be accomplished.

However, under the Demand Estimation Sub-committee (DESC) ToR, it was seen to be possible to manage this differently, and for UNCC (Shipper Members) to accept resignations and appoint replacement UKLC Shipper Members, providing the numbers proposed did not exceed the numbers of places to be filled. Appropriate changes had therefore been proposed to the UKLC ToR.

Shipper Panel Members agreed that a pragmatic approach was required, and approved the changes to the ToR.

Interim Membership Appointments

The UNCC Shipper Members noted and accepted the resignations of three Shipper Members (Anne Jackson, Kiran Samra and Bryan Hale) from the UK Link Committee, and confirmed the appointments of the proposed replacement nominees (Mark Jones, Sharon Eaton and Simon Power) as effective forthwith.

e) UNC Elections Email Communication - faulty link

AG pointed out that the link in the initial UNC Elections email communication had been faulty and incorrectly directed back to Gemserv. He was concerned that some parties may not have noticed this incorrect direction when sending in their registrations, and may be under the assumption that their communications have reached the 'right' destination, when in fact they have not.

He suggested that any further 'reminder' communications issued draw attention to this so that parties are aware and can try a resubmission if necessary. BF noted this.

148.5 Any Other Business

None raised.

148.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 21 July 2016, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (16 June 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update