

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes Friday 14 December 2018 Teleconference

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Colin Wainwright	(CW)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Fyfe	(EF)	Scotia Gas Networks
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Gregory Edwards	(GE)	Centrica
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Nick Pollard	(NP)	Northern Gas Networks
Shahin Ali	(SA)	Wales & West Utilities

Apologies

Andy Finch	(AF)	Energetics
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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (21 November 2018)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. AIGT Shrinkage Analysis Update

Chris Shanley (CS) advised an update on the IGT position on Shrinkage has been provided ahead of the meeting via email from Andy Finch (AF) who has sent his apologies for the meeting.

The update was as follows:

On behalf of the Association of Independent Gas Transporters (AIGT) AF has continued to follow up with the Gas Distribution Networks (GDN) spokesperson Shahin Ali (SA) who is representing the GDNs response to shrinkage about the Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and the DNVGL report, which so far is outstanding. John Barrett (AIGT Chair) has invited SA to respond to the AIGT at the 13 December AIGT meeting, on behalf of the GDN shrinkage strategy progress. With no NDA in place, the IGTs were concerned to discuss/share the report and criteria used by the GDNs with the AIGT audience to collate an understanding and our collective response in Q1 2019.

The AIGT forum met on 13 December 2018 and discussed with SA the shrinkage reporting that the GDNs have raised. The AIGT have been having various conversations with Wales and West Utilities who are leading the industry debate with the AIGT members. The IGT's position remains in 2018 that shrinkage from our PE networks does not constitute a shrinkage concern.

The original shrinkage model was designed after concerns for the GDNs cast iron mains, and working towards a GDN PE system, with a due diligence provided by Advantica (now DNVGL) in 2002/03. The AIGT members have requested that SA provides the methodology behind the legacy model, so that IGTs can understand more about the legacy approach.

The AIGT have committed, as a group, to revisit the IGT individual calculations, but with advancements in PE design and installation standards their shrinkage position remains

unchanged, this is more for understanding for new IGT members who were not active networks in 2002/03 period.

As the AIGT we continue to work with the industry taking legacy approach forward to a future energy network.

Shahin Ali (SA) clarified this is the current update and view of the AIGT and is not the GDN view. SA will be sending a model report on the leakage test, which was completed in 2003 and clarified that they are still working with the AIGT to determine if there is shrinkage on the IGT networks or not.

3. Shrinkage and Leakage Report Consultation Update

At the last meeting it was confirmed that the consultation was about to begin. Responses to this consultation are to be received no later 20 December 2018, and should be directed to: Shahin Ali, Distribution Systems Manager, Wales & West Utilities, Email: shahin.ali@wwutilities.co.uk, Telephone: 02920 27864, Postal Address: Shahin Ali, Wales & West Utilities, Wales & West House, Spooner Close, Coedkernew, Newport, NP10 8FZ.

Shippers present confirmed they had no questions on the consultation document.

4. Review of outstanding actions

1101: GDNs to provide an update on the interference Damage consultation at the December meeting.

Update: It was highlighted that this action had been passed to Matt Marshall, Cadent, and that he would be best placed to provide an update. In his absence it was agreed that this action update would be deferred to the next meeting and that EB would contact Matt Marshall to see if an email update could be provided before the next meeting as this topic may inform the Shippers responses to the Shrinkage and Leakage Report consultation. **Carried Forward**

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Theft of Gas (ToG) methodology

SA advised that WWU are reviewing the ToG methodology and how it is calculated and wanted to raise this as an indicator for the next forum.

Currently, ToG is calculated by using the percentage of total gas consumption through the network. SA said he would welcome any ideas or views on the topic from interested parties.

6. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Post meeting update: Some future dates have been adjusted as shown below:

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
10:00, Wednesday 27 March 2019	Teleconference	Agenda to be confirmed
10:00, Tuesday 27 August 2019	Teleconference	Agenda to be confirmed
10:00, Friday 29 November 2019	Teleconference	Agenda to be confirmed
09:30, Wednesday 16 December 2019	Teleconference	Agenda to be confirmed

Action Table (as at 14 December 2018)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
SF1101	21/11/18	6.1	GDNs to provide an update on the interference Damage consultation at the December meeting.	GDNs	Carried Forward