

**Uniform Network Code Committee**  
**Minutes of the 186 Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2019**  
**at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>
A Green (AG), Total D Fittock* (DF), Corona Energy R Fairholme (RFa), Uniper S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom and alternate for G Wood	P Hobbins (PH), National Grid NTS A Clasper (AC), Cadent D Mitchell (DM), SGN R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks B Rodrigues* (BR), ESPUG

**Non-Voting Members:**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Consumer Representatives</b>	<b>Independent Supplier Representative</b>
M Shurmer (MS)	L King* (LG)		

**Also in Attendance:**

B Howitt\* (BH), Gemserv; E Rogers (ER), Xoserve; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Fletcher (BF), Secretary; R Hailes (RH), Joint Office and S Britton (SBr), Cornwall Insight.

*\* by teleconference*

**186.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

A Clasper for G Dosanjh, Cadent  
B Rodrigues for J Cooper, BUUK  
D Mitchell for H Chapman, SGN  
P Hobbins for D Lond, National Grid NTS  
S Mulinganie for G Wood, British Gas

**186.2 Apologies for Absence**

D Lond, National Grid NTS  
E Proffitt, MEUC  
G Dosanjh, Cadent  
G Wood, British Gas  
H Chapman, SGN

J Atherton, Citizens Advice

J Cooper, BUUK

M Bellman, ScottishPower

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

Members approved the minutes from the 18 April 2019 meeting.

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

#### **a) PAC Election Recommendation**

It was noted that this item had been deferred from the April 2019 meeting.

BH provided a presentation explaining the reasons for changing the User nomination process to allow for a staggering of PAC membership. SM questioned if the amended process could be open to misuse, as parties could use block voting to re-elect selected members for each transition period of membership and dominate the committee.

BH advised the aim was to mitigate a risk against a wholesale change of membership that created a continuity risk for the PAFA and PAC workplan. TS wanted to understand why three years rather than two as a change from one was required. RP suggested this was based on nine Shipper members, with 3 potentially changing each year.

PH questioned if there was a potential issue with getting new members up to speed and a wholesale change would put current work activities back. BH suggested this was down to the reporting and action process taking longer than the members being appointed as this created a continuity risk.

BF noted that PAC currently had unfilled vacancies for members. MS suggested that this issue ought to also be looked at by PAC to see what could be done.

RP suggested it would be consistent if two years were adopted for all committees as recently adopted for Panel. There needs to be a strong argument or reasoning if this should be for longer or different period of time.

PG challenged the first selection year where PAC would choose who would be serving the different terms for membership and who was a risk of being removed, this was without any reference to industry views.

PG noted that Ofgem were keen to get more focused and driven performance regimes and if longer membership terms promoted this, it should be considered but the process needed to be transparent and fair.

Members suggested a consistent approach to membership would be up to 2 years for all.

LK requested that being consistent with previous Ofgem views on membership of industry Panels and Committees, that PAC should consider ways of increasing the diversity of membership in terms of gender, race, disability and age and that it would be beneficial if this could feature in its Terms of Reference.

MS requested BH to consider the views provided by UNCC members and whether these should be adopted in an amended version of the PAC Terms of Reference.

#### **b) PAC Terms of Reference/PAC Election Changes**

It was noted that this item had been deferred from the April 2019 meeting. In view of the discussion for item a) above, this item was withdrawn.

#### **186.5 AOB**

a) None raised.

#### **186.6 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is:

20 June 2019, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

**Action Table (16 May 2019)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
					Pending