

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes Thursday 12 October 2023 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Yvonne Reid-Healy (Chair)	(YRH)	Joint Office
Hollie Scott (Secretary)	(HS)	Joint Office
Charlotte Gilbert	(CG)	BU-UK
Daniel Worman	(DW)	GTC
Edward Allard	(EA)	Cadent
Gregory Edwards	(GE)	Centrica
Julie Chou	(JC)	WWU
Joanne Hanratty	(JH)	NGN
William Frazer	(WF)	SGN

Shrinkage Forum meetings will be quorate where all four Distribution Networks and at least two Shippers are in attendance.

Please note these minutes do not replicate detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sf/220323>

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Yvonne Reid-Healy (YRH) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1. Apologies for Absence & Note of Alternate

Apologies were received from Colin Wainwright (CW), Paul O'Toole (PO), and Matt Marshall (MM).

William Frazer, Joanne Hanratty, and Edward Allard as alternates respectively.

1.2. Quoracy Status

The meeting was deemed to be quorate.

1.3. Approval of Minutes (22 March 2023)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

GE stated that the actions captured in the March minutes, section 3.3 was incorrect. This action was for GE and GDNs to provide an e-update to the Joint Office on the discussion of the Profiling update in May and July. This action should state that it is just the GDNs to provide an e-update.

YRH to make post note on March Minutes in order to correct this.

1.4. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 1101: All GDNs are to advise if the OUG re-valuation is subject to independent validation and if so, how is it being evaluated.

Update: YRH shared e-update from CW with the group. Members were satisfied with this update and agreed that any questions following the call would be directed to CW.

JC advised that NGN have been leading on the engagement with Newcastle University.

Members in attendance agreed that this action can be closed.

Action 1102: GDNs to consider introducing Profiling into the current Shrinkage and Leakage Model and whether this is a feasible report in the January 2023 Meeting.

Update: EA shared notes from MM.

MM advised that he has engaged with Xoserve around the impacts of the shrinkage profiling mod to understand how this would work in principle. Currently awaiting day-to-day pressure data from network teams. Xoserve believes this change could be instigated by interested parties.

GE provided some background around this action and explained that throughout the annual consultation process, they have asked for profiling to be looked at. He told members that going back to the last Shrinkage Forum meeting, the GDNs accepted that this was an issue to be looked at, and they were going to begin trying to rectify this. Since the March meeting, GE has had no contact from the GDNs, or Xoserve around this, even though there was a commitment made to provide an update every 2 months.

EA explained that he would ask MM to drop GE a note with more context behind the update, and to remind MM about the bi-monthly update commitment. YRH advised that it would be good for the whole committee to receive further updates.

JC asked EA if there is a new modification coming. EA advised that there isn't and that it is more an idea or a route that has been discussed.

GE wanted to understand why a code modification would be needed.

JS asked what the profiling would be for, and if it would be to provide a visual profile. GE advised that shrinkage is currently treated as an equal amount each day across the year, which is incorrect. It was also mentioned that it is not designed to change the overall amount, just how it is treated.

GE said it would be useful for GDNs to engage during the development stage, rather than bringing a fully formed solution to the forum in order to ensure that this satisfies all members. This would be covered in the bi-monthly updates.

MM to attend in November and explain what the justification for raising a modification would be, such as a process or code.

Action – YRH to speak to MM about bi-monthly updates that the GDNs committed to, in order to get this back in play.

Members in attendance agreed that this action should remain open for an update in November.

2.0 Specific Topics / Project Updates

2.1 Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics (DPLA) Update

EA explained that November's forum is coming up, and it would be useful for members (shippers) to help shape the agenda. EA asked for any suggestions of content/key focus areas, that could be built into the presentation.

EA explained that the project launched 2nd October, and they are currently shortlisting suitable technologies and locations for the trial. The trial is to test direct measuring equipment and is likely to take place in London or East Anglia due to them being mixed Urban/Rural networks.

Action – MM to share strawman presentation with Joint Office, to allow members (and non-members) to add comments/suggestions.

2.2 Own Use Gas (OUG) Update

No further update following e-update in agenda item 1.4 - action 1101.

2.3 Shrinkage Profiling

No further update following discussion in agenda item 1.4 - action 1102.

3.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

None raised.

4.0 Diary Planning

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

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
09:30 Wednesday 22 November 2023	17:00 Monday 13 November 2023	Team Meeting	Standard Workgroup Agenda

Action Table (as at 22 March 2023)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update	Due Date
1101	23/11/22	2.2	All GDNs to advise if the OUG re-valuation is subject to independent validation and if so, how is it being evaluated.	All GDNs	Closed	March 2023 Sept 2023
1102	23/11/22	2.3	GDNs to consider introducing Profiling into current Shrinkage and Leakage Model and whether this is feasible report in January 2023 Meeting.	All GDNs	Carried Forward	March 2023 Sept 2023 Nov 2023
1103	12/10/23	1.4	Catch up with MM around bi-monthly update that GDNs committed to in order to get this back in play.	YRH	Open	Nov 2023
1104	12/10/23	2.1	MM to share strawman presentation with Joint Office for distribution and, to	Cadent	Open	Nov 2023

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