

## Governance Workstream Minutes

Thursday 17 April 2008

350 Euston Road, London

### Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alex Barnes	(AB)	BG Group
Bali Dohel	(BD)	Scotia Gas Networks
Chris Hill	(CH)	RWE
Chris Logue	(CL)	National Grid NTS
Clare Temperley	(CT)	Gas Forum
Chris Warner	(CWa)	National Grid UKD
Chris Wright	(CWr)	British Gas
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Julian Majdanski	(JM)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Liz Spierling	(LS)	Wales & West Utilities
Peter Bolitho	(PBo)	E.ON UK
Phil Broom	(PBr)	Gaz de France
Robert Cameron Higgs	(RCH)	Northern Gas Networks
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Richard Street	(RS)	Corona Energy
Stefan Leedham	(SL)	EDF Energy

### 1.0 Introduction and Status Review

#### 1.1 Minutes from Previous Workstream

Were accepted without amendment.

#### 1.2 Review of Actions

**GOV1032: Joint Office to bring a specimen Panel Report to the Workstream that would provide the necessary information in a more concise form.**

JB reported that the May Panel Report and UNCC Report had been produced in a new format and asked for comments from members on the change. Members responded positively and it was agreed that this format would be used in future.

**Closed**

### 2.0 Topic 013GOV Industry Codes Governance Review

JD updated the meeting on general progress with the Governance Review and then outlined the open letter published by Ofgem on Environmental Issues and the Code Objectives. Views were requested by 30 April 2008 for implementation, on a voluntary basis, from 19 May 2008. JD acknowledged that implementation was likely to have more impact on electricity codes but suggested that some UNC Modifications might affect quantities of greenhouse gas. The UNC Panel would be encouraged to consider the effect of greenhouse gas in its assessment on whether implementation of a Proposal facilitated the achievement of the relevant objectives. Examples of Proposals discussed by the Workstream included facilitation of smart metering and, on the Transmission side, changes that would be expected to affect compression fuel usage.

The guidance note suggests that Panels consider the impact on greenhouse gas costs, particularly carbon costs following the introduction of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. Members suggested that Ofgem might have considered this aspect as part of the governance review and wondered why this aspect was to be implemented at this stage. JD acknowledged that, as part of the governance review, licence amendments to the relevant objectives may result that specifically address greenhouse gas and other environmental

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aspects but if the proposed guidance were followed by the Code Panels this aspect could be covered through existing governance.

JB suggested that if Code Panels agreed to follow the proposed guidance those making representations should be aware of this. This was recognised by members some of whom believed that this should be discussed at a forum that covered all of the gas and electricity codes. It was also recognised that the Distribution and Transmission Workstreams would provide a good opportunity for Ofgem to make industry aware of its proposals. The chairmen of the two Workstreams therefore invited Ofgem to give a presentation at each of these Workstreams.

It was pointed out that the standard Modification Report form should be adjusted to recognise this proposed guidance. JB responded that the JO was working to bring greater consistency between the proformas used for Modification Proposals, Workstream Reports, Development Work Group Reports and Modification Reports and suggested that one or more sections is adjusted to take into account the proposed guidance. It was agreed that the JO would bring its proposals to the May 2008 Panel.

**Action: GOV 1033: JO to bring suggested formats for UNC Proposals and Reports to the May 2008 Panel**

### **3.0 Next Meeting**

15 May 2008, following the UNC Committee meeting.

**Action Log – UNC Governance Workstream 17 April 2008**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date(s)</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner*</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
GOV1032	20/03/2008	4.0	Bring a specimen Panel Report to the Workstream that would provide the necessary information in a more concise form	JO (TD)	Report in new format submitted to April Panel Meeting <b>Closed</b>
GOV1032	20/03/2008	2.0	Bring suggested formats for UNC Proposals and Reports to the May 2008 Panel	JO (JB)	