

UNC Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) Workgroup Minutes

Monday 16 January 2017

Teleconference

Attendees

Andrew Meaden	(AMe)	Dentons
Andy Miller	(AMi)	Xoserve
Angela Love	(AL)	ScottishPower
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Chris Warner	(CWa)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
David Tennant	(DT)	Dentons
David Travallion	(DT)	Dentons
Gethyn Howard	(GH)	BUUK
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Kishan Nundloll	(KN)	ES Pipelines
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	Xoserve
Sandra Dworkin	(SD)	Xoserve
Sean McGoldrick	(SMc)	National Grid NTS
Sue Davies	(SD)	Wales & West Utilities
Sue Hilbourne	(SH)	Scotia Gas Networks

**via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/fgowg/160117>

1. Introduction and Status Review

BF welcomed all to the meeting and explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the DSC Credit Committee process, together with overviewing the Legal Text for Modification 0604S.

1.1. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held 06 January 2017 were approved.

2. DSC Credit Committee Arrangements

BF explained that the DSC Credit Committee Arrangements had been discussed at the EBCC meeting in December and it was agreed that it would be sensible to further discuss this process within the Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) Workgroup to understand how the committee could be established prior to 01 April 2017.

MC then explained that the DSC Credit Committee needed to be established prior to 01 April 2017 so that all parties understood the credit arrangements as FGO started. BF said that presently a decision was still to be made by Ofgem in relation to Modification 0565/A/B, and only when this decision had been made, could the Joint Office address the formal election process. BF further explained that, the DSC Credit Committee is to be established by the Contract Managers Committee, and that both committees had to be formally established, and populated by those who were nominated by the required election process. He said he was hopeful that Ofgem would make a decision regarding Modification 0565/A/B by on 27 January 2017.

MC reiterated that there were many credit committee related activities that needed to be completed before 01 April 2017 and this included the ratifying and vetting process of the organisations and so a meeting would be needed by the middle of February 2017.

A general discussion took place regarding the tight time-line and SH proposed that an agreement could be sought at the Contract Managers Committee Meeting on 15 February 2017 to informally establish the Credit Committee with an informal meeting to be held the following day, on 16 February 2017.

MC agreed that this approach would be satisfactory as it is likely that the majority of the DSC Credit Committee Members would also be the EBCC Members the existing membership of EBCC could be used in an informal basis for this purpose. It should be noted that they would be representing the Industry as whole and not on an organisation basis, with similar rules and confidentiality agreements, as were already operational within the current EBCC. He also explained that Xoserve would contact the GT's in relation to their nominations to the DSC Credit Committee. SH suggested the GT's were given this information on 18 January 2017 Contract Managers meeting regarding the nomination process, MC agreed with this proposal.

BF said that clearly this was an 'informal process' and he reiterated that the Joint Office would still not be able to formally conduct the election process until a decision on Modification 0565/A/B had been made and he stressed that this would be cutting across the formal election process.

MC, SH and CB all agreed that this informal process was the most pragmatic and sensible approach in view of the very tight time-lines prior to 01 April 2017. CB also asked once the decision had been made by Ofgem, could a short notice Election Process be requested at the February Panel. BF said this was in hand as December 2016 UNCC has agreed to the formal establishment of the DSC Committees with a short track nominations/elections process undertaken during early February. MC said that would not leave sufficient time to allow for the authorisation of the DSC credit framework. DT asked as the timing was close, was there a contingency plan to ensure all the procedures were completed and in place prior to 01 April 2017. MC all the rules were virtually ready, however they needed to be given 'effect' and needed to be fully established, adding that the existing EBCC Members had experience of these processes and initially the rules would be in the form of an 'evolving document', so he did not envisage this aspect to be an issue.

MC highlighted that the first formal meeting of the DSC Credit Committee would be a face to face meeting, explaining that subsequent meetings would take place once a month via a Teleconference either prior to or post, the EBCC Meetings.

BF wanted to reiterate that Xoserve were going to move forward with this 'informal process' and the Joint Office would instigate the formal process following the official Ofgem decision regarding Modification 0565/A/B.

3. Workgroup

0604S: Central Data Services Provider – Arrangements from implementation of Project Nexus

(Report to Panel 16 February 2017)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0604>

4. Review of UNC Related Documents

It was agreed that the UNC Related Documents would be addressed during the meeting to be held on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

5. Review of outstanding actions

FGO 1101: *National Grid Distribution (CWa) to produce an updated 'Amendments/Corrections Sheet' stating which documents had subsequently now been changed, clearly stating from which sections, for circulation via the Joint Office.*

Update: It was agreed that this action would be deferred until the meeting on Tuesday 31 January 2017. **Carried forward.**

FGO 1102: *Xoserve (AMi) to consider how to make Trader User Agreement text available to form part of the 0565 consultation. (This action was raised following the closure of actions 0565/0910 & 0565/0911).*

Update: It was agreed that this action would be deferred until the meeting on Tuesday 31 January 2017. **Carried forward.**

6. Any Other Business

None raised.

7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10.30 Tuesday 31 January 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Street Place, London, EC4M 7RA	FGO Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of UNC Related Documents Review of Outstanding Actions
10.30 07 February 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Street Place, London, EC4M 7RA	FGO Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC
10.30 28 February 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Street Place, London, EC4M 7RA	FGO Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC
10.30 07 March 2017	Dentons, One Fleet Street Place, London, EC4M 7RA	FGO Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC

FGO Workgroup (as at 16 January 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
FGO1101	14/11/16	3.0	National Grid Distribution (CWA) to produce an updated 'Amendments/Corrections Sheet' stating which documents had subsequently now been changed, clearly stating from which sections, for circulation via the Joint Office.	National Grid Distribution (CWA)	Carried forward
FGO1102	14/11/16	5.0	Xoserve (AMi) to consider how to make Trader User Agreement text available to form part of the 0565 consultation. (<i>This action was raised following the closure of actions 0565/0910 & 0565/0911</i>).	Xoserve (AMi)	Carried forward