

Governance Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 17 January 2013

at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Bob Fletcher (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Chris Warner	(CWA)	National Grid Distribution
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Centrica
Dora Ianora	(DI)	Ofgem
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Peter Bingham	(PBi)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 There were no previous meeting minutes to approve.

1.2 There were no outstanding actions to review.

2.0 Workgroup Meetings

None in progress.

3.0 Issues

3.1 ISS 0030 - Review Group 0334 – Action Plan

No further update at this time.

3.2 New Issues

3.2.1 Code Governance Review phase 2

PBi introduced the Code Governance Review phase 2 update and advised that the review recommendations should be available soon and the steps needed to implement these needed to be considered. However, DI indicated that publication of the review conclusions had been put back from January to February and that additional time will be allowed for modifications to be developed. The target for these is expected to be towards the end of 2013.

PBi then provided an overview of the high level recommendations as proposed.

Fast track Self-Governance – likely to be recommended. TD suggested that a relatively minor change to the Modification Rules could accommodate this, but the extent of change was dependent on how prescriptive the licence conditions are in terms of defining the requirement.

Governance of the ACS – PBi felt this may be delayed given the proposed changes to Xoserve funding. However, JF felt an ACS would still be required and

could be moved to UNC governance, potentially alongside other methodologies in Section Y. The charging methodology is set out in the ACS and this would need to be separated out from the remainder of the document. AM was concerned that the industry should make themselves aware of the potential impacts as a number of non-code services were published through this route.

Reduction in Self-Governance implementation window – TD suggested that this would not require a change to the UNC, although the different timescale and definitions would need to be clear in licences in order for implementation dates to be set that are consistent with the required timescale.

Self-Governance statements – again, TD was unclear that a UNC change would necessarily be required since the revised approach has already been adopted.

PBi emphasised that he had raised these points to make all aware of the issues. However, having taken the lead in developing and progressing the suite of modifications required to implement the first phase of the Codes Governance Review, National Grid NTS was not intending to raise modifications but was rather hoping another party would take the lead on this occasion. JF advised that she is looking at the possibility of raising a modification to implement the proposed ACS governance changes, but was not in a position to commit to doing this.

4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

5.0 Diary Planning for Workgroup

The next meeting is planned for:

Thursday 21 February 2012, at the ENA, London following the UNC Committee meeting; teleconference facilities will be available.