

PAC interim options

Extract General Terms B4.3.4

When establishing a Sub-committee the Uniform Network Code Committee shall determine by panel majority:

(a) the members of the Sub-committee, or the manner of appointment of such members;

This is covered in the Terms of Reference except in the case of Shipper members who are required before elections can be organised.

There are two decisions for the UNCC

- 1) Whether or not to hold early elections
- 2) How to appoint Shipper members in the interim before early or annual elections are held.
Two possible options are:
 - UNCC Shipper members are appointed to PAC
 - UNCC appoints other Shipper PAC members based on names brought to the UNCC by Shipper members of the UNCC

The UNCC may decide that if early elections can be held quickly enough then we don't need to appoint Shipper PAC members in the interim.

I have laid out the advantages and disadvantages of the options as I see them

Elections

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
Early elections	An elected committee is established more quickly	More work for the Joint Office
Annual elections	No additional work for Joint Office	Delays formation of elected committee

Interim appointment before elections can be held

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
Appoint UNCC Shipper members to PAC	Quick	UNCC members may not be most appropriate members of PAC
Appoint of Shipper PAC members suggested by Shipper members of the UNCC	More likely to get required skills	Probably less quick than above
Make no interim appointment if early elections can be held quickly	No additional work over early elections	May delay PAC formation but avoids risk of early change of membership

(b) the basis on which the Sub-committee is to report to the Uniform Network Code Committee and/or to Transporters and Users;

The UNCC relatively recently decided that sub-committees should provide regular updates to UNCC so PAC reporting is captured by this requirement.

and

(c) the procedures by which the Sub-committee shall conduct its business, provided that (except where the Code expressly provides for such a vote) such procedures shall not require or permit a vote to be taken on any matter.

The Guidelines document for the Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Regime (specifically sections 6 and 8) referenced in the Terms of Reference covers this. The guidelines document, which was part of the consultation, refers to members voting in which case, absent any other rules, the UNCC voting rules will apply.

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