

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 145th Meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2016
Elxon 350 Euston Road London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total and alternate for P Broom A Margan (AMa), British Gas C Baldwin (CB), E.ON UK S Mulinganie* (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution F Healey (FH), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair		

Also in Attendance:

A Miller, (AMi), Xoserve; F Cottam* (FC), Xoserve; K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary and S Hillbourne (SH), Scotia Gas Networks.

* by teleconference

145.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Green for P Broom (ENGIE)

C Baldwin for R Fairholme (Uniper)

145.2 Apologies for Absence

R Fairholme and P Broom

145.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from the 21 January meeting were approved.

UNCC 0101: RP to discuss directly with the proposer of 0506V to get a better understanding of establishment principles for the PAC and PAFA.

Update: See discussion for 145.4 item c). **Closed**

UNCC 0201: MH to consider how changes to the EBCR are coordinated with changes proposed by a UNC modification.

Update: FH advised that notes were included in the EBCR to highlight that full consideration would be given to situations where Modifications were currently in progress which might be impacted before changes to the EBCR were approved by the EBCC. However, LJ advised that he intended to discuss his concerns with National Grid and suggest further clarification. **Carried Forward**

UNCC 0202: MH is asked to clarify the EBCR to ensure the intent of Modification 0569S can be implemented.

Update: FH advised that the EBCC had reviewed the EBCR and included updates which enabled Modification 0569S to be implemented with full effect from 11 March 2016. **Closed**

145.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) New AUGE arrangements under Modification 0473

FC provided a brief update and advised that progress is on track and that the evaluation Panel is working well. The aim is to select a preferred bidder by the end of March and if successful, their identity would be announced around the end of June.

b) Allocation of Unidentified Gas (AUG) Table for 2016/17

FC advised that a presentation had been provided proposing to roll over the existing AUG Table for 2016/17 and approval was sought to do so.

FC advised that no other proposals to replace the current AUG Table had been received and therefore the existing table would be rolled over unless disapproved by members. Should members unanimously disapprove the Table, they would need to provide an alternative Table.

Members determined not to disapprove the proposed AUG Table for 2016/17.

c) Modification 0506V - Gas Performance Assurance Framework and Governance Arrangements - implementation

RP provided draft PAC Terms of Reference for comments and approval.

AP suggested that the ToR refer to a UNCC subcommittee rather than “Committee”.

LJ suggested that a process might be required to appoint Transporter representatives as the PAC includes iGTs. There may be an issue in how iGT representative(s) were included going forward. CW challenged that the legal text for Modification 0506V is silent on iGT representatives, possibly as it has been implemented before Modification 0440.

It may be appropriate for the existing UNCC transporter nominated representatives process to be adopted for PAC in the interim, with iGTs being given an opportunity for membership following Nexus implementation.

AMi suggested that discussions were held with the proposer to understand the intention of the initial constituted PAC.

LJ suggested that the selection process be run at the same time as the up coming UNC election process, which commences in June for appointment on 01 October. Alternatively the UNCC could appoint an interim PAC be put in place for 3 or 4 months until elections were run.

AMi was concerned that delaying the PAC would potentially impact the delivery of the PAFA tendering process until a suitability skilled PAC is elected, as they need to define the scope of works and tender evaluation criteria?

LJ suggested the PAFA appointment process is brought in line with the AUGE selection process, which utilises a selection committee for this purpose. AMi was still concerned that the scope of works for the PAFA is likely to require more detail and be more wide ranging than for the AUGE and therefore parties need to be selected with the correct knowledge and level of skills to support the tendering exercise – this was likely to create a risk that the PAFA won't be in place in time for Project Nexus Implementation.

New Action UNCC 0301: RP to review the ToR and consider the following :

- i) Selection Process for Transporters (including iGT selection);
- ii) Establishing the PAC on an interim basis;
- iii) Amending the ToR based on comments received.

145.5 Any Other Business

- a) None

145.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 21 April 2016, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (17 March 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 0101	21/01/16	143.4	RP to discuss directly with the proposer of 0506V to get a better understanding of establishment principles for the PAC and PAFA.	Wales & West Utilities (RP)	Closed
UNCC 0201	18/02/16	144.4 c	MH to consider how changes to the EBCR are coordinated with changes proposed by a UNC modification.	National Grid NTS (MH)	Carried Forward
UNCC 0202	18/02/16	144.4 c	MH is asked to clarify the EBCR to ensure the intent of Modification 0569S can be implemented.	National Grid NTS (MH)	Closed
UNCC 0301	17/03/16	145.4 c	RP to review the ToR and consider the following : i) Selection Process for Transporters (including iGT selection); ii) Establishing the PAC on an interim basis; iii) Amend the ToR based on comments received.	Wales & West Utilities (RP)	Pending