

Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting 26 August 2014

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members					Transporter Voting Members					Consumer Representative	Determination Sought
		SM	AG	AM	PB	RF	CW	EM	JF	RP	RH	CA	
0513 - UK Link Programme (Project Nexus) - independent project assurance for Users	The Panel did (unanimously) recommend that the modification should follow Urgent procedures with 9 votes in favour.	✓	✓	✓	NP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NP	Recommend to the Authority that the modification should follow Urgent procedures

KEY	In favour	Not in Favour	No Vote Cast	Not Present
	✓	X	NV	NP

UNC Modification Panel

Minutes of the 164th Meeting held on Tuesday 26 August 2014 via teleconference

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representative
A Margan (AM), British Gas R Fairholme (RF), E.ON UK S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution E Melen (EM), Scotia Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities R Hewitt (RH), National Grid NTS A Ross-Shaw (ARS), Northern Gas Networks	

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative
L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office	A Rooney (ARo) Ofgem

Also in Attendance:

A Miller (AMi) Xoserve, J Dixon (JD) Ofgem, M Berrisford (MB), Secretary and I Hollington (IH), Observer

* by teleconference

Record of Discussions

164.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Margan for C Wright (British Gas)

E Melen for A Musgrave (Scotia Gas Networks)

R Pomroy for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities)

S Mulinganie for A Barnes (Gazprom) and A Green (Total Gas & Power)

A Ross-Shaw for J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks)

164.2 Record of Apologies for absence

A Barnes, A Musgrave, C Wright, S Edwards, A Green and J Ferguson.

164.3 Minutes and Actions of the Last Meeting(s)

Not reviewed.

164.4 Consider New, Urgent Modification

- a) Modification 0513 - UK Link Programme (Project Nexus) - independent project assurance for Users

The Chair introduced the meeting, explaining that members had been asked for views on the proposed Urgent status and whether the proposed timeline is realistic. CW explained that he raised the modification as soon as he was aware of the requirements following a tri-way discussion between Ofgem, Xoserve and National Grid Distribution.

Several concerns were voiced around aspects such as the tight timelines proposed (inc. potential materiality impacts), whether or not the modification is focusing on industry compliance with Code rather than industry simply being ready for Project Nexus go-live date and whether or not the proposed User Pays funding arrangements are appropriate.

When asked, AMi provided a brief explanation behind the proposed 12 September 2014 target decision date and its relationship to the publication of a (Baringa Partners LLP) report by 01 December 2014 (which should coincide with the completion of the Project Nexus design phase(s)) – in essence it is a suitable 'check point' before the proposed 01 October 2015 go-live date.

Some parties believe that as this is potentially a contentious matter, there is a possibility that an alternate (urgent) modification could be raised as more detailed consideration of the modification is undertaken in due course.

When asked what the anticipated outputs and subsequent actions from the modification are, JD indicated that at this stage he does not have a clear view on these but that he sees this modification as one piece of a larger jigsaw and that it should / could run parallel to the ongoing Project Nexus development work.

Members then voted and unanimously determined to recommend that Modification 0513 should follow urgent procedures.

164.5 Any Other Business

None raised.

164.6 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting

10:30 05 September 2014 teleconference and 18 September 2014, at the ENA.