

Uniform Network Code Modification Panel

Minutes of the 91st Meeting

Held on Thursday 18 February 2010

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), C Warner (National Grid Distribution), B Dohel (Scotia Gas Networks) and S Trivella (Wales & West Utilities)

User Representatives: M Young (British Gas Trading), S Rouse (Statoil) and S Leedham (EDF Energy)

Ofgem Representative: J Boothe

Consumer Representative: A Hall

Terminal Operators Representative: None

Joint Office: T Davis (Chair) and R Fletcher (Secretary)

91.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

B Dohel for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks) S Trivella for J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks), M Young for C Wright (British Gas Trading) and S Leedham (EDF Energy) for P Broom (GDF Suez)

91.2 Record of Invitees to the meeting

None

91.3 Record of apologies for absence

A Gibson, J Ferguson, A Bal, P Broom and C Wright.

91.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals

None

91.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals

Modification Proposal 0282 - Introduction of a process to manage Long Term Vacant sites

Following a presentation by K Kennedy (Scottish Power), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for this Proposal to be referred to the Distribution Workstream for consideration and development. The Distribution Workstream was requested to report by the 19 August 2010 Panel meeting.

During the presentation K Kennedy explained why the Modification Proposal had been raised. C Warner sought clarification if all supply points were included, and K Kennedy confirmed the intention to exclude Daily Metered sites. A Hall asked if there is a trigger to identify when gas consumption is resumed - will safeguards be in place to ensure accurate allocation in these circumstances. K Kennedy acknowledged this is an aspect that needed further development, including how to establish accurate AQs.

J Martin asked about safety related obligations. Shippers should isolate and withdraw to ensure obligations for gas safety cutoffs are undertaken where necessary, and J Martin asked if Scottish Power had contacted the HSE for their views on the Proposal. K Kennedy felt this was an aspects that should be followed-up as part of the development of the Proposal.

The Distribution Workstream was asked to develop Terms of Reference including the following items:

- a) Safety implications of the Proposal;
- b) Impacts on Gas Safety Regulations and Supplier obligations for the disconnection of service pipes not using gas;
- c) Impacts on unregistered gas volumes;
- d) How sites will be monitored to ensure status changes are identified.

91.6 Consider Terms of Reference.

Review Proposal 0280 - Review of Demand Estimation UNC Section H Processes and Responsibilities

The Panel UNANIMOUSLY approved the Terms of Reference for this Review Group.

91.7 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration

For the following Proposals J Boothe advised that decisions were expected in Quarter 1 2010, i.e. by the end of March. The Panel agreed UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration.

- a) **Proposal 0194 - Framework for correct apportionment of NDM error**
- b) **Proposal 0194A - Framework for correct apportionment of LSP unidentified gas**
- c) **Proposal 0228 - Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy**
- d) **Proposal 0228A - Correct Apportionment of NDM Error – Energy**
- e) **Proposal 0229 - Mechanism for correct apportionment of unidentified gas**

For the following Proposals, J Boothe indicated that a decision was also expected during Quarter 1 2010. The Panel agreed UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration.

- f) **Proposal 0246 - Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity User Commitment**
- g) **Proposal 0246A - Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity User Commitment**
- h) **Proposal 0246B - Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity User Commitment**

91.8 Consider Variation Requests

None

91.9 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports

Extensions Requested

- a) **Modification Proposal 0271 - Amendment to the SSP – Provisional LSP – SSP Amendment Rules**

Following a request, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to extend the time for the Distribution Workstream to report until 20 May 2010.

- b) **Modification Proposal 0277 - Creation of Incentives for the Detection of Theft of Gas (Supplier Energy Theft Scheme)**

Following a request, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to extend the time for the Development Work Group to report until 17 June 2010.

c) Proposal 0279 - Improving the availability of meter read history and asset information

Following a request, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to extend the time for the Development Work Group to report until 18 March 2010.

91.10 Consider Final Modification Reports

None

91.11 Receive report on status of Consents

The following consents are with Ofgem for approval:

- a) C020 - Changes to Document References Contained Within the UNC
- b) C021 - Changes to Cross References Contained Within UNC TPD Section F – System Clearing, Balancing Charges and Neutrality
- c) C033 - Removal of a Redundant Cross Reference & Clarification of TPD Section K
- d) C034 - SC2004 Solutions - Industry Interfacing Project which is identifying system and process change requirements arising from the SOMSA project
- e) C035 - Reinsertion of references to address inadvertent omissions noted following C022
- f) C036 - Correction to the Calculation and application of VWAPPEC

T Davis indicated that Ofgem had requested the Panel consider whether or not it was appropriate for C036 to be progressed as a consent. This involves a correction to the units specified in the UNC, removing divide by 100 from an equation. This would correct an error and make the legal text match the intention of the Proposal. This could therefore be regarded as correcting a manifest error, but could also be regarded as material. Panel Members confirmed that they considered the consent process was appropriate in the circumstances.

S Trivella welcomed the Panel being asked for a view on consent C036 and suggested that all consents might usefully be considered by the Panel prior to any Ofgem direction. It was agreed that, unless time was of the essence, this should be adopted for future consents.

91.12 Any Other Business

T Davis advised that he had been offered periodic updates from Ofgem about progress and developments regarding the EU 3rd package to the extent that might impact the UNC change process. Panel Members welcomed this and agreed that Ofgem should be invited to provide an initial presentation at the earliest opportunity.

91.13 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting was planned for 10.00 on 18 March 2010.