

UNC Workgroup 0691S Minutes

CDSP to convert Class 3 or 4 meter points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met

Monday 29 April 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann*	(AM)	Gazprom
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	Gemserv
Edd Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Imran Shah*	(IS)	Centrica (from agenda item 4.0)
James Jackson*	(JJ)	UK Power Reserve – Sembcorp
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Leanne Jackson	(LJ)	Xoserve
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Luke Reeves*	(LR)	EDF Energy
Mark Bellman	(MB)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Palmer*	(MP)	Orsted
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Rachel Durham*	(RD)	Smartest Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Waters Wye Associates
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK
Stephanie Clements	(SC)	Scottish Power

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0691/290419>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 August 2019.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Fiona Cottam (FC) explained that as the Proposer Kate Mulvany, was not able to attend the meeting she was providing the overview of the Modification.

FC explained that the UIG Task Force had identified a small number of very large NDM (Class 4) sites which were above the Class 1 threshold (Issue #3.2.1) and that these sites were likely to have non-standard daily usage patterns and contribute to UIG. FC said that the NDM Profiles for EUC09B were unlikely to be a good representation of their daily usage and that any difference between the NDM Allocation and the actual usage would contribute to the daily UIG.

FC then drew attention to the current qualifying rules in G1.6.15:

Current qualifying period rules set out in G1.6.15

- Shipper needs to initiate to the change to Class 1

She noted that this could leave a very large site operating as Class 4 for up to 18 months if the meter read submissions were not very frequent – adding to the risk of UIG

FC then provided an overview of the proposed recommended option and proposed solution as below:

Recommended Option: CDSP to convert Class 3 or 4 meter points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met

- Where Shipper has not taken action within [x] months (discussions at Workgroup required to define the qualifying time period)

Proposed solution:

When the Class 1 criteria have been fully met and where the Shipper has not taken steps to convert to Class 1 (e.g. re-confirmation in progress)

- CDSP to have the obligation to convert a site to Class 1
- Including arranging for specific DM Service Provider (DMSP) to add the site to their portfolio
- Could include a grace period of [1] month for Shipper to take action
- CDSP would be able to pass on costs of converting to Class 1 to the Shipper including any DMSP charges

FC noted that a separate Modification was being raised to reduce the G1.6.15 timescales – Modification 0690S.

FC said that KM had proposed a self-governance status for the Modification with a 4 month assessment period, with submission to the 15 August 2019 Panel.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

BF drew attention to the questions raised from Panel as detailed below:

- Consideration of Shipper grace periods, can Shippers be incentivised to undertake the activity quicker?

A brief general discussion took place regarding the grace periods and FC explained that at the end of a 3 month period, Xoserve initiate this activity so that the issue can be addressed in a timely way. She also explained that this performance area is now closely monitored by PAC and within the reporting functions.

The view is that Shippers should be able to understand the operation of a site and a grace period might not be required. However, there were concerns that new sites might need more time to understand.

It was also noted that a site converted to Class 1 could then operate as Class 2 if exceeding the mandatory thresholds were for a limited period of time, the equipment could still be utilised. RJ noted that equipment is reasonably universal now and possible to be used for either Class 1 or 2.

Kirsty Dudley asked if there was an IGT equivalent Modification and said that if one was required, that this should be raised quickly so they could both be processed in parallel.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from a specific Terms of Reference will be published alongside the Modification at <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0691>

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that his aspirations for the next meeting was to review the amended Modification and further explore the standard agenda items.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Tuesday 21 May 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amended Modification• Consideration of Business Rules• Review of Impacts and Costs• Review of Relevant Objectives• Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts•