

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 77th Meeting Held on Thursday 19 May 2011
at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London

Members Present:

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

User Representatives: C Wright (British Gas Trading), P Broom (GDF Suez), R Street (Corona Energy), R Fairholme (E.ON UK) and S Leedham (EDF Energy)

Ofgem Representative: D Ianora (Ofgem)

Customer Representative: R Hall (Consumer Focus)

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

Observers Present: A Miller (Xoserve), C Shanley (National Grid NTS), J Wisdom (RWE npower)

Record of Alternates: J Martin for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks), D Ianora for J Dixon (Ofgem) and R Street for A Bal (Shell)

Apologies for Absence: A Bal, A Gibson and C Hill

77.3 Matters for the UNC Committee's Attention

None

77.4 Matters of Implementation

Modification 0276 - Alternative User Pays approach to UNC Modification Proposal 0263 - Enabling the Assignment of a Partial Quantity of Registered NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity

RHe advised that a direction to implement has been received from Ofgem, but the associated ACS change had been vetoed. Subsequent consultation had suggested there is no desire within the industry to pay the identified cost for the service, and discussions are taking place with Ofgem to decide if the direction to implement can be revoked.

RF was concerned the process for approving UNC and ACS modifications is different and is overly complicated, as it is a dual governance process. This can lead to inconsistent decisions and creates uncertainty. There would be benefit for all parties in this being addressed.

77.5 Documents for approval

None

77.6 Any Other Business

None

77.7 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meeting as:

Thursday 16 June 2011, at the ENA, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting