

**UNC Workgroup 0410/0410A Minutes
Responsibility for gas off-taken at Unregistered Sites following New
Network Connections**

Thursday 22 November 2012

ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross	(ARo)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andrew Wallace	(AW)	Ofgem
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Brendan Murphy	(BM)	Waters Wye Associates (for Total and Corona)
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Collette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Corby*	(DC)	National Grid NTS
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0410/221112

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 21 February 2013.

1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

No outstanding actions to review.

2. Discussion and Workgroup Report

2.1. Modification 0410

ARo confirmed that legal text was under review with NGN's legal team.

DA confirmed that Xoserve had received a ROM request for the costs and this was under discussion with the Proposer. In assessing the costs Xoserve has assumed that it will be required to act only in specific circumstances, however the modification could be interpreted differently, and DA went on to explain the circumstances that may arise where Xoserve would or would not act. CW referred to the Business Rules 2.1.1, which indicated that Xoserve cannot back bill in these circumstances. DA believed that the Proposer was of the view that modification did not require further revision.

It was confirmed that it was proposed National Grid NTS should own/be responsible for the 'neutrality pot'. DC did not hold the same view – there may be a conflict with the Licence (and therefore problems with producing appropriate legal text) - and suggested that a justification for this should be included in the Workgroup Report. CW suggested that National Grid NTS should set out its concerns to enable further exploration, and AW suggested that these concerns should be sent to Ofgem for consideration by its legal team. DC noted this. He gave his interpretation and sought clarity on why it was not an allocation of energy. CW reiterated that it was a 'money pot' that was to be divided up. DC remained of the belief that the Solution required to be clearer on this point.

Action 1101: Ownership of/responsibility for 'neutrality pot' - National Grid NTS to elucidate its concerns and a provide view to Ofgem as to why it thinks the Licence is directly impacted.

BF reported that a UNC Modification Panel Member had asked for clarity on how the Transporter costs were to be apportioned. DA had provided comments to the Proposer regarding the User Pays section, and it was expected that the Proposer would clarify and update this section.

Referring to the Proposer's initial aspiration for implementation, BF pointed out that this would now require revision and that a revised implementation plan/statement would be required. BM noted this for discussion with the Proposer.

2.2. Modification 0410A

BF confirmed that the legal text had been received. Following the last meeting CW had considered the comments made but was not minded to revise the modification.

EM reported that SGN's MPRN Creation process was under consultation. SGN was likely to bring forward a modification, which would complete and establish an end-to-end process within the UNC. BM will discuss the implications for 0410 with its Proposer.

AW reported that he had discussed the effects on consumers of Modifications 0410 and 0410A with Consumer Focus. Consumer Focus understood the rationale for disconnecting in certain circumstances and that it should be done at the end of a reasonable process. . It may form part of a future Code of Practice (CoP), and in the interim Consumer Focus was willing to work with the Transporters to review any processes to ensure appropriateness of the action.

CW advised that on 06/07 December there was to be a CoP review to introduce Shipperless sites into the CoP. The first iteration was very close to submission/implementation and there was no desire to hold this up. Various parties were also looking at 'vulnerability' and Consumer Focus may have a view on this subject. CW believed there was no reason why Consumer Focus should not be invited to attend and contribute to the discussions and he will undertake to approach with this suggestion. CW reiterated that Transporters do not undertake the disconnection of customers lightly.

Responding to a question from DC, CW confirmed that any costs associated with this modification would be Transporter funded.

2.3. Workgroup Report

BF summarised that it was expected that the Proposer would consider revising Modification 0410 in light of comments, and the Workgroup was waiting to review legal text and the cost estimate before concluding its report for both Modifications 0410 and 0410A.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning for Workgroup

The next meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup on Tuesday 18 December 2012, at 10:00, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

2013 Distribution Workgroup Meetings

Monday 07 January 2013, at 10:00, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Thursday 24 January 2013, at 10:15, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Monday 04 February 2013, at 10:00, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	22/11/12	2.0	<i>Ownership of/responsibility for 'neutrality pot' - National Grid NTS to elucidate its concerns and a provide view to Ofgem as to why it thinks the Licence is directly impacted.</i>	National Grid NTS (DC)	Pending