

**UNC Workgroup 0455S Minutes**  
**Updating of Meter Information by the Transporter**  
**Tuesday 07 January 2014**  
**Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Kirsten Elliot-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

\* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 February 2014.

**1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions****1.1 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2 Actions**

No outstanding actions to consider.

**2.0 Reconsider Workgroup Report following Panel**

BF confirmed that the UNC Panel had referred the modification back to the Workgroup and that National Grid Distribution had amended the User Pays section of the modification to add further clarity.

AR explained the changes that had been made to the User Pays section. An ACS will be provided which is expected to be available before the Workgroup Report is reconsidered by the Modification Panel in February.

BF confirmed that the Panel had reviewed the Self-Governance status following a request from the Workgroup. The Panel tested the modification against the criteria and they determined that the modification meets the criteria for Self-Governance modifications. CB expressed concern about the Self-Governance statement and believed that there could be a material impact for some Shippers and the test is very subjective. SM and MJ believed

that the levy and updating of data does have a material impact and this should not be a Self-Governance modification. BF explained if the Workgroup wish to challenge the Self-Governance status they would need to make their concerns clear against the specific criteria.

It was suggested that if parties disagreed with the status this should be recorded within representations as Ofgem can call the modification in for decision. In general there appeared to be a consensus from the Transporters that the modification met the Self-Governance criteria, however some Shippers believed that the modification should not be subject to Self-Governance.

Although it was recognised that this modification would have a positive impact on data cleansing there was still concerns. CB was particularly concerned with Transporters changing data, which they are not party to and that the change in data could affect the commercial activity and/or relationship of Shippers with third parties. SM was also concerned that charges would also be levied on Shippers.

It was agreed to capture the concerns clearly within the Workgroup Report to allow the Panel and Ofgem to reconsider. Shippers will also have the opportunity at the next Modification Panel meeting to express their concerns. AR also highlighted the opportunity for parties to raise concerns during the consultation process and a further opportunity within the appeal window.

Shippers agreed as a matter of best practise and to ensure Shippers views and concerns are clearly expressed at Panel there would be benefit establishing a Shipper pre-panel meeting.

### **3.0 Any Other Business**

None.

### **4.0 Diary Planning**

No further meetings of the Workgroup are planned at this time.