

Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting 17 April 2014

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members					Transporter Voting Members					Consumer Representative	Determination Sought
		SM	AG	AM	AG for PB	RF	CW	EM	JF	FH	JE	CA	
0492S - Governance change - update to Mod Rules following Consumers' Representative's name change	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Consideration Deferred - Unanimous Vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Defer consideration
0493 - EU Gas Balancing Code - Daily Nominations at Interconnection Points (IP)	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is not a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Issued to Workgroup 0493 - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0493
	Workgroup to report by the October 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the October 2014 Panel
0494 - Imbalance Charge amendments required to align the UNC with the Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is not a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Issued to Workgroup 0494 - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0494
	Workgroup to report by the August 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the August 2014 Panel

0495 - Introduction of a Change Board for the UNC	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is not a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Issued to Workgroup 0495 - with unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0495
	Workgroup to report by the April 2015 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the April 2015 Panel
0496FT - Reinstatement of Calendar Days as a measure in Section G 2.5.8(b)	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Is a Fast Track Modification - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Modification meets fast Track Criteria
	Implemented - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to implement
0497 - Introduction of Annual update to the AQ values within the CSEP NExA table	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Proceed to consultation - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Issue to Consultation
	Issued to Workgroup 0497 - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0497
	Workgroup to report by the July 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the July 2014 Panel
0498 - Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification is related to Significant Code Review
	Is a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures

Specification at BP Teesside System Entry Point	Issued to Workgroup 0498 - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0498
	Workgroup to report by the November 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the November 2014 Panel
0452V - Introduction of the Planning and Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (PARCA)	Consideration deferred to July Panel - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Defer consideration to July Panel
0465V - Introduction of the Planning and Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (PARCA), Weighted Average PARCA Security	Consideration deferred to July Panel - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Defer consideration to July Panel
0474 - Inclusion of the guidelines relating to the "Customer Settlement Error Claims Process" within UNC governance and introduction of the User Pays charges associated with such claims.	Proceed to consultation - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Issue to Consultation
	Legal text not required - unanimous vote against	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Legal text not required for inclusion in DMR
	Cost estimate not required - unanimous vote against	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cost estimate not required for inclusion in DMR
	Consultation to close out on 07 May - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Shortened consultation
0482S – Proposed Changes to Mod 81 Reports to be effective from 01/7/14	Proceed to consultation - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Issue to Consultation
	Workgroup to report by the May 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the May 2014 Panel
0484S - Guidance for the production of legal text	Proceed to consultation - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Issue to Consultation
	Legal text not required - unanimous vote against	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Legal text not required for inclusion in DMR
	Cost estimate not required - unanimous vote against	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cost estimate not required for inclusion in DMR
	Consultation to close out on 19 May - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend consultation
0445 - Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity	Workgroup to report by July 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to July 2014 Panel

0466 - Daily Meter Reading Simplification	Workgroup to report by June 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to June 2014 Panel
0473 - Project Nexus – Allocation of Unidentified Gas	Legal Text Requested - Unanimous Vote in Favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Request Legal Text
0440 - Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision	Not returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did consultation raise new issues
	Implementation recommended - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to recommend implementation
0455 - Updating of Meter Information by the Transporter – iGT Single Service Provision	Not returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did consultation raise new issues
	Is not a Self-Governance Modification - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Implementation recommended - with 6 votes in favour						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to recommend implementation
0470 - Notification of Minimal Safety Operating Gas Needs of Large Customers	Returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Did consultation raise new issues
	Workgroup to report by the August 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the August 2014 Panel
0477 - Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching	Not returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did consultation raise new issues
	Implementation recommended - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to recommend implementation
0478 - Filling the gap for SOQ reductions below BSSOQ until Project Nexus	Not returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did consultation raise new issues
	Implementation recommended - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to recommend implementation
0481 - Amendment to AQ Values Present Within Annex A of the CSEP NExA AQ Table Following the 2013 AQ Review	Not returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did consultation raise new issues
	Implementation recommended - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to recommend implementation

0490S - Updates to UNC TPD Section B to correct anomalies arising from the implementation of UNC Modification 0376S "Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity"	Not returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did consultation raise new issues
	Implemented - Unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Whether to implement

KEY	In favour	Not in Favour	No Vote Cast	Not Present
	✓	X	NV	NP

UNC Modification Panel

Minutes of the 158th Meeting held on Thursday 17 April 2014 at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representative
A Green (AG), Total; and alternate for P Broom A Margan (AM), British Gas R Fairholme (RF), E.ON UK S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution E Melen (EM), Scotia Gas Networks J Edwards (JE), Wales & West Utilities J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks F Healy (FH), National Grid NTS	Chris Alexander (CA), Consumer Futures

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative
L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office	A Rooney (ARo), Ofgem

Also in Attendance:

A Heppel (AH)*, TGPP Ltd; A Ciavolella (AC), BP Gas; A Wouters (AW), Total; C Baldwin (CB), E.ON UK; D Wood (DW)*, BP Gas; E Hunter (EH)*, RWE npower; G Evans (GE)*, Waters Wye; H Burden (HB)*, National Grid NTS; H Chapman (HC), Xoserve; L Dupont (LD), Joint Office; L Nugent (LN), Ofgem; P Lucas (PL)*, National Grid NTS; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary; and R Johnson (RJ), Wingas.

** by teleconference*

Record of Discussions

158.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Green for P Broom (GDF Suez)
A Margan for C Wright (British Gas)
E Melen for A Musgrave (Scotia Gas Networks)
F Healy for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS)
J Edwards for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities)
S Mulinganie for A Barnes (Gazprom)

158.2 Record of Apologies for absence

A Barnes, A Musgrave, C Wright, P Broom, R Hewitt and S Edwards.

158.3 Minutes and Actions of the Last Meeting(s)

The minutes of the 17 March and 07 April meetings were accepted.

158.4 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modifications

- a) Modification 0492 – Governance change – update to Mod Rules following Consumers' Representative's name change

FH introduced the modification and its aims. CA confirmed that though the powers transferred to two separate bodies, it would be a joint appointment to this position. The employee may be from one or other body but the appointment to this particular role would be jointly made. LJ clarified the Modification Rules. Referring to the legal text (as provided in version 4), AR noted inconsistency of reference to the bodies concerned. The Proposer agreed to revise the legal text and represent the modification to the May Panel.

For Modification 0492, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are met as this modification is not expected to have a material impact on competition or consumers
- That Modification 0492S be returned to the Panel on 15 May 2014 for re-assessment.

b) Modification 0493 – EU Gas Balancing Code – Daily Nominations at Interconnection Points (IP)

PL provided a presentation and introduced the modification and its aims. Draft forms of the modification had been considered at the European Workgroup before this formal submission to Panel. RF drew attention to the statement in the Implementation Section, indicating that this might not be compliant with the expected form of words. It was suggested the Workgroup address this as part of the development process.

For Modification 0493, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are not met as this modification is expected to have a material impact on competition or consumers;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0493 for assessment with a report presented by the October 2014 Panel.

c) Modification 0494 – Imbalance Charge amendments required to align the UNC with the Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks

HB provided a presentation and introduced the modification and its aims.

For Modification 0494, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are not met as this modification is expected to have a material impact on competition or consumers;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0494 for assessment with a report presented by the August 2014 Panel.

d) Modification 0495 – Introduction of a Change Board for the UNC

CB introduced the modification and its aims. Transporter members pointed out that there might be significant ramifications in respect of the GT Licences and other Transporter obligations. CW suggested that some pre-work, including an Ofgem RIA, should be carried out prior to commencement of any Workgroup development. The Transporters indicated they would like Ofgem's view before this modification proceeded to a Workgroup. Conversely, SM believed it should be issued straight to UNC Workgroup so that debates could commence amongst the wider audience. He did not believe it should be covered by the UNCC. LN indicated that Ofgem had no view on the substance of the modification but noted that there were further issues to explore and these would be engaged with as appropriate. CA suggested consideration needed to be given as to how consumers can be represented in the process.

For Modification 0495, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are not met as this modification is expected to have a material impact on the arrangements for the transportation of gas;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0495 for assessment with a report presented by the April 2015 Panel.

e) Modification 0496 – Reinstatement of Calendar Days as a measure in Section G 2.5.8(b)

EM introduced the modification and its aims.

For Modification 0496, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are met as this modification is not expected to have a material impact on competition or consumers;
- The criteria for Fast Track Self-Governance are met as this modification is properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change;
- That Modification 0496FT should be implemented.

- f) Modification 0497 – Introduction of Annual update to the AQ values within the CSEP NExA table

EH introduced the modification and its aims. Concerns were raised regarding the proposed automatic updating of information without the consent of iGTs. BF referred to a response he had received from Steve Ladle (Gemserv) indicating that it may be beneficial if the information in both codes were aligned (could be done twice a year, in June and November).

BF quoted from the response:

“The final process for iGT053 can result in 3 outcomes following discussion of proposed revisions to the AQ values at a meeting in December:

- 1) The Table is updated in the iGT UNC June release the following year;
- 2) Further evidence is required and evidence discussed at the March Panel when the Panel could agree that the Table should be updated in the iGT UNC November release; or
- 3) The Panel agrees that there is insufficient evidence to support the proposed AQ value changes in which case the Table is not updated that year.”

It was suggested that further clarity was required in respect of the Solution proposed under Modification 0497.

For Modification 0497, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are not met as this modification is expected to have a material impact on the arrangements for the transportation of gas;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0497 for assessment with a report presented by the July 2014 Panel.

- g) Modification 0498 – Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at BP Teesside System Entry Point

AC provided a presentation introducing the modification and its aims.

CA questioned how National Grid NTS had determined this would not have an impact on consumers. AC advised that two types of analysis had been performed and that National Grid NTS had consulted with a list of Users (Direct Connect customers) and was currently processing the results. Sending the modification to Workgroup would provide other parties with the opportunity to express their views. It concerned localised blending and will not affect the Safety Code. It was noted this might set a precedent and generate requests for similar arrangements at appropriate points from other parties. AH confirmed that TGPP was very supportive of this modification, which provided a good solution avoiding the need for costly investment, and was considering submitting a similar modification that might be considered in parallel. FH pointed out that National Grid NTS would undertake individual analysis for any other similar requests received.

AH asked members to note that both BP Teesside and px Teesside receive the same gas at their terminals, so they both should be treated the same.

LN suggested that if it was just a new *process* that was required that could be applied under similar circumstances, then perhaps this should be created under one modification.

For Modification 0498, Members determined:

- The modification is not related to the Significant Code Review as it is not a related subject;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are not met as this modification is expected to have a material impact on the arrangements for the transportation of gas;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0498 for assessment with a report presented by the November 2014 Panel.

158.5 Existing Modifications for Reconsideration

- a) Modification 0452V - Introduction of the Planning and Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (PARCA)

The Panel reconsidered Modification 0452V. AR reported that the Authority continued to address a number of concerns and will provide an update as appropriate. Unless an Authority decision was received in the meantime, the Panel agreed to defer reconsideration for 3 months.

- b) Modification 0465V - Introduction of the Planning and Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement (PARCA), Weighted Average PARCA Security

The Panel reconsidered Modification 0465V. AR reported that the Authority continued to address a number of concerns and will provide an update as appropriate. Unless an Authority decision was received in the meantime, the Panel agreed to defer reconsideration for 3 months.

158.6 Consider Workgroup Issues

Workgroup Reports for Consideration

- a) Modification 0474S - Inclusion of the guidelines relating to the “Customer Settlement Error Claims Process” within UNC governance and introduction of the User Pays charges associated with such claims.

FH queried the publication of the ACS. LJ clarified that, as the service was on a ‘time and materials’ basis, any ACS update would simply state this. The Panel had previously requested the provision of legal text, and CW confirmed that the Workgroup Report contained the formal legal text.

LJ suggested that a shortened consultation period would be appropriate as the enacting modification for these guidelines, 0429 Customer Settlement Error Claims Process, was recently implemented.

Members accepted the recommendations in the Workgroup Report:

- It should proceed to consultation;
- Legal text is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report; and
- A cost estimate is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report; and
- Consultation should close on 07 May 2014.

- b) Modification 0482S – Proposed Changes to Mod 81 Reports to be effective from 01/7/14

User Pays elements and the Relevant objectives were considered. The definition of ‘market share’ was queried. It had been confirmed at the Workgroup there would be minor development costs, which the Transporters would absorb, but no ongoing costs. The User Pays table was felt to be somewhat contradictory and should be clarified. CW had raised concerns regarding the legal text to the provider, Wales & West Utilities. That ‘effective AQ amendments’ ought to be defined, as well as certain inconsistencies. It was suggested that further consideration be given to clarifying the User Pays elements and that the concerns regarding the legal text be addressed.

Members determined that:

- The modification be returned to Workgroup for further assessment with a report presented by the May 2014 Panel.

c) Modification 0484S - Guidance for the production of legal text

Members accepted the recommendations in the Workgroup Report:

- It should proceed to consultation;
- Legal text is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report; and
- A cost estimate is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report; and
- Consultation should close on 19 May 2014.

Consideration of Workgroup Reporting Dates and Legal Text Requests:

Members determined unanimously to extend the following Workgroup reporting dates:

Workgroup	Reporting Date
0482S – Proposed Changes to Mod 81 Reports to be effective from 01/7/14	May 2014
0466 – Daily Meter Reading Simplification	June 2014
0445 – Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity	July 2014

Members determined unanimously to request Legal text for the following modification:

Modification
0473 - Project Nexus – Allocation of Unidentified Gas

158.7 Final Modification Reports

a) Modification 0440 – Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0440

Members determined there were no new issues raised in consultation responses.

Members determined unanimously to recommend implementation of Modification 0440.

b) Modification 0455S – Updating of Meter Information by the Transporter

Views were polarised between groups as to whether this would improve data quality or not. For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0455

Members determined there were no new issues raised in consultation responses.

Members determined unanimously that Modification 0455S should no longer retain its self-governance status.

Members then voted and with six votes in favour of implementation determined to recommend that Modification 0455 be implemented.

c) Modification 0470 – Notification of Minimal Safety operating gas needs of large customers

Members determined there were new issues raised in consultation responses, regarding the commercial needs of affected customers and safety obligations on transporters, and suggested that the HSE and the NEC be invited to the Workgroup to discuss their concerns.

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0470

Members determined for Modification 0470 that:

- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0470 for further assessment with a report presented by the August 2014 Panel.

d) Modification 0477 – Supply Point Registration – Facilitation of Faster Switching

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0477

CA requested the publication of a timeline with the Final Modification Report.

Members determined there were no new issues raised in consultation responses.

Members determined unanimously to recommend implementation of Modification 0477.

e) Modification 0478 – Filling the gap for SOQ reductions below BSSOQ until Project Nexus

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0478

Members determined there were no new issues raised in consultation responses.

Members determined unanimously to recommend implementation of Modification 0478.

- f) Modification 0481 – Amendment to AQ Values Present Within Annex A of the CSEP NExA AQ Table Following the 2013 AQ Review

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0481

Members determined there were no new issues raised in consultation responses.

Members determined unanimously to recommend implementation of Modification 0481.

- g) Modification 0490S – Updates to UNC TPD Section B to correct anomalies arising from the implementation of UNC Modification 0376S “Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity”

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0490

Members determined there were no new issues raised in consultation responses.

Members determined unanimously to implement Modification 0490S.

158.8 Consents to Modify

- a) Consent to Modify C052 - Revision to the legal text associated with the implementation of UNC Modification 0376S Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity”

LJ advised that this Consent had been superseded by Modification 0490S - Updates to UNC TPD Section B to correct anomalies arising from the implementation of UNC Modification 0376S “Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity”. Noting the Panel’s decision to implement Modification 0490S, FH confirmed that National Grid NTS would formally withdraw the Consent.

158.9 Any Other Business

- a) Independent Panel Chair - Update

LJ provided an update on the Independent Panel Chair consultation and its proposal to set up an advisory committee to conduct the

recruitment process. Membership was proposed to be the Panel Chair, one Shipper (appointed via the Gas Forum) and one Transporter Member. LJ had become aware of some concerns regarding the determination and appointment of the Shipper representative. LJ had discussed this with David Cox (Gas Forum), and it had been suggested that David Cox himself might be the appropriate person to fulfil the role. The Gas Forum Executive Committee was considering this. Panel members agreed that David would be a suitably independent representative. To avoid bias in the advisory panel, it was suggested that any recommendations made should be unanimous. LJ would update the published appointment process document.

- b) Cornwall Energy – Request to attend Panel as observer for their Small Suppliers Forum

LJ advised that he had received a request from Cornwall Energy, supported by Daniel Hatton of Winchester Gas, to attend Panel as an observer for the Small Suppliers Forum. LJ explained that this was to provide context for Panel business and, on the basis that it could enable better involvement of such small suppliers, asked for Panel members' views. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Cornwall Energy be invited to attend Panel meetings in its capacity as observer for the Small Suppliers Forum.

158.10 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting

10:30 15 May 2014, at the ENA.