

Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting 20 March 2014

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members					Transporter Voting Members					Consumer Representative	Determination Sought	
		AG	GJ	PB	RF	SM	CW	EM	JE	JF	MA	CA		
0486 - Use of the Pre-Payment Profile For IGTs	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	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	X	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Issued to Workgroup 0486 - with unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0486
	Workgroup to report by the July 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the July 2014 Panel
0487 - Introduction of Advanced Meter Indicator and Advanced Meter Reader (AMR) Service Provider Identifier	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	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
	Issued to Workgroup 0487S - with unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0487
	Workgroup to report by the June 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the June 2014 Panel
0488 - Additional Changes to the Mod 81 Reports	Not related to the Significant Code Review - unanimous vote against	X	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 favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Issued to Workgroup 0488S - with unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0488

	Workgroup to report by the June 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the June 2014 Panel
0489 - EU Gas Balancing Code - Information Provision changes required to align the UNC with the EU Code	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	Modification should follow Self-Governance Procedures
	Issued to Workgroup 0489 - with unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should be referred to Workgroup 0489
	Workgroup to report by the September 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the September 2014 Panel
0490 - 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 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 not a Fast Track Modification - with 5 votes in favour and 6 votes against	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	Modification meets fast Track Criteria
	Proceed to consultation - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Issue to Consultation
	Legal text requested - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Request legal text
	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 04 April - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend consultation
0458 - Seasonal LD7 System Capacity Rights	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

0458 - Seasonal LDZ System Capacity Rights	Cost estimate not required - unanimous vote against	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cost estimate not required for inclusion in DMR
	Consultation to close out on 22 April - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend consultation
0470 - Notification of Minimal Safety operating gas needs of large customers	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 04 April - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Reduce consultation
0477 - Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching	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
	Consider FMR at short notice at April Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Panel to consider FMR at short notice
0467 - Project Nexus - iGT Single Service Provision; data preparation	Workgroup to report by July 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to July 2014 Panel
0468 - Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas Transporters	Workgroup to report by September 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to September 2014 Panel
0469S - Transporter Gas Safety Visit Reporting	Workgroup to report by June 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to June 2014 Panel
0472 - Restricting the number of registration attempts by a supplier	Workgroup to report by June 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to June 2014 Panel
0475S - Update to Section G, Annex G3 (Prospective Erroneous Large AQ Calculation Proforma)	Workgroup to report by June 2014 Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Extend Workgroup reporting date to June 2014 Panel

0454 - Introduction of a Long Term Non Firm Capacity Product	Returned to Workgroup - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Return to Workgroup
	Workgroup to report by the June Panel - unanimous vote in favour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Workgroup to report by the June Panel

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

UNC Modification Panel

Minutes of the 156th Meeting held on Thursday 20 March 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 G Jack (GJ), British Gas P Broom (PB), GdF Suez 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 M Arthur (MA), 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:

D Brace* (DB), National Grid NTS; D Reilly (DR), Ofgem; H Chapman (HC), Xoserve; H Comerford* (HC), Winchester Gas; M Clark* (MC), ScottishPower and R Fletcher (RF), Secretary

** by teleconference*

Record of Discussions

156.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

G Jack for C Wright (British Gas)

E Melen for A Musgrave (Scotia Gas Networks)

J Edwards for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities)

S Mulinganie for A Barnes (Gazprom)

156.2 Record of Apologies for absence

A Barnes, A Musgrave, C Wright and S Edwards.

156.3 Minutes and Actions of the Last Meetings

The minutes of the 20 February and 11 March meetings were accepted.

156.4 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modifications

a) Modification 0486 - Use of the Pre-Payment Profile For IGTs

HC introduced the modification and its aims. GJ asked if this modification is contingent on iGT Modification 054? HC confirmed there was a dependency, as neither could be implemented without the other.

LJ asked if Self Governance was appropriate for this modification. JF felt that the content of the modification coupled with the iGT modification would create a significant commercial impact and therefore Self Governance should not be considered appropriate.

For Modification 0486, 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 Gas Transporters;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0486 for assessment with a report presented by the July 2014 Panel.

b) Modification 0487 - Introduction of Advanced Meter Indicator and Advanced Meter Reader (AMR) Service Provider Identifier

SM introduced the modification and its aims. JF asked if would be possible to use existing fields to populate the data. SM advised that Xoserve were considering this option coupled with an offline spreadsheet.

For Modification 0487, 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 modification be issued to Workgroup 0487S for assessment with a report presented by the June 2014 Panel.

c) Modification 0488 - Additional Changes to the Mod 81 Reports

MC introduced the modification and its aims.

For Modification 0488, 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 modification be issued to Workgroup 0488S for assessment with a report presented by the June 2014 Panel.

d) Modification 0489 - EU Gas Balancing Code - Information Provision changes required to align the UNC with the EU Code

DB provided a presentation introducing the modification and its aims.

RF asked about the implementation timescales for the modification, as he was under the impression it was linked to the Project Nexus implementation date. DB confirmed that implementation is linked to the implementation of European codes amendments and not to Project Nexus.

For Modification 0489, 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 0489 for assessment with a report presented by the September 2014 Panel.
- e) Modification 0490 - 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”

MA introduced the modification explaining that it aimed to supersede Consent to Modify C052 to use the Fast Track Self Governance process for this purpose.

SM asked why Fast Track Self Governance was proposed as these changes are more material than simple referencing or typographical errors. GJ felt that all parties are at risk as the modification fails to deliver its intention as drafted and should be amended to remove this risk.

For Modification 0490, 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 and consumers;
- The criteria for Fast-Track Self-Governance are not met as this modification is not properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change;
- It should proceed to consultation;
- To request legal text;
- Legal text is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report;
- A cost estimate is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report; and
- Consultation should close on 04 April 2014.

156.5 Consider Workgroup Issues

Issues Log

Members reviewed the issues log and agreed that Workgroups should be encouraged to close those issues that were on hold or no longer required.

Workgroup Reports for Consideration

a) Modification 0458 - Seasonal LDZ System Capacity Rights

Members agreed that views should be sought on whether Relevant Objective (d) is furthered by this modification.

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 22 April 2014.

b) Modification 0470 - Notification of Minimal Safety operating gas needs of large customers

CA pointed out that this modification shouldn't be used as a tool that creates a disadvantage for domestic consumers.

Members agreed that views on the appropriateness of changing the Self Governance status for this modification should be sought in Consultation responses.

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;
- Consultation should close on 04 April 2014.

c) Modification 0477 - Supply Point Registration - Facilitation of Faster Switching

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
- Agreed to consider the Final Modification Report at short notice at the 17 April meeting.

Consideration of Workgroup Reporting Dates and Legal Text Requests:

Members determined unanimously to extend the following Workgroup reporting dates:

Workgroup	Reporting Date
0467 - Project Nexus - iGT Single Service Provision; data preparation	July 2014
0468 - Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas Transporters	September 2014
0469S - Transporter Gas Safety Visit Reporting	June 2014
0472 - Restricting the number of registration attempts by a supplier	June 2014
0475 - Update to Section G, Annex G3 (Prospective Erroneous Large AQ Calculation Proforma)	June 2014

156.6 Final Modification Reports

- a) Modification 0454 - Introduction of a Long Term Non Firm Capacity Product

LJ provided an overview of the report provided by the Workgroup. DR explained the reasons why Ofgem had sent back the Final Modification Report and their views on why the Workgroup appears not to have covered off all their concerns based on the 3 questions raised in the send back letter.

There was a general view that the naming convention should be changed, as it does not help with understanding the product and its scope.

MA noted the concerns and asked if the Final Modification Report could be returned to Workgroup for further consideration.

DR agreed to attend the next Workgroup meeting to set out Ofgem's views.

Members determined for Modification 0454 that:

- It should be returned to Workgroup;
- The modification be issued to Workgroup 0454 for assessment with a report presented by the June 2014 Panel

156.7 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 is to be 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”. However, MA confirmed that they were not intending to withdraw the Consent until Modification 0490S had completed the process.

156.8 Any other business

- a) Consultation regarding the governance arrangements for the appointment of the Panel Chair

LJ provided an update on the Independent Panel Chair consultation and its proposal to set up a Panel sub committee to aid the recruitment process. Sub committee membership is proposed to be the Panel Chair, 1 Shipper and 1 Transporter Member.

SM challenged the recruitment process and how selection is to be managed – he did not think it would be likely for Members to be able to select 1 Shipper and 1 Transporter. Members noted that further consultation closes tomorrow.

b) Consumer Futures

CA explained the recent changes to the National Consumer Council and that this has now been superseded by Consumer Futures, which includes the Citizens Advice Bureau. He had reviewed the Modification Rules and suggested a modification is raised to correct references to the selection and notification of Consumer Representatives and correct the recent changes.

JF suggested a Fast Track Self Governance modification would be appropriate for this task. MA agreed that National Grid NTS would raise this as it was a governance modification. ARo asked if the proposer could contact Ofgem as they had views on potential reference amendments.

c) Proposed Modifications

EM advised that they were considering raising a Fast Track Modification to correct errors following the implementation of Modification 0463S - Recognition of the '2nd January' Scottish Bank Holiday as a Business Day for Supply Point related transactions. There were a number of errors caused due to the implementation of several modifications impacting the same sections of text over a short period of time – these were mainly referencing errors.

MA advised that they intended to raise two new European modifications and asked if Panel wanted additional detailed presentations to aid their consideration and understanding. Members declined the offer as they were aware the content was to be discussed at the European Workgroup.

156.9 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting

12:00 07 April 2014, by teleconference.

10:30 17 April 2014, at the ENA.