

JOINT GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 11 October 2013

Attendees:

Representatives: A Raper (AR) (National Grid Distribution), R Hewitt (RH) (National Grid NTS), and S Edwards (SE) (Chair, Wales & West Utilities)

Joint Office: T Davis (TD) and R Fletcher (RF)

Also in attendance: N Jamieson (NJ), National Grid NTS

25.1. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising

The minutes of the previous meetings are to be considered at the next full meeting.

JGAC2301: JF to provide proposed JGAA change to accommodate SEC implications

Update: Not discussed. **Carried Forward.**

JGAC2303: Representatives to provide a view on moving to the JO managing a centralised service for legal text provision

Update: Not discussed. **Carried Forward.**

JGAC2401: Provide a draft response to Ofgem's issues regarding the Panel Chair appointment process.

Update: SE confirmed the response to the Ofgem letter had been reviewed and sent.
Closed.

25.2. Appointment of Replacement Panel Chair

SE advised that Ofgem had not responded to the letter sent to them on behalf of JGAC. However, he wanted to explore views on how the process and timeline would work should they wish to appoint an independent Panel Chair. He asked if TD could provide a high level overview of the tasks and time taken in the role of Panel Chair so that JGAC could get a view of the recruitment process required. RH and AR agreed that it is worth exploring these activities to understand the resources required. AR agreed with this view.

Action JGAC2501: TD to provide an outline of the Panel Chair role

SE asked if the replacement Panel chair is likely to be raised at the next Modification Panel. TD advised it was not on the agenda. However, Ofgem may raise the topic or one of the other participants may do, as the Panel were notified last month that a letter had been sent to Ofgem seeking approval of a new Panel Chair. He also noted that whether the Panel had been consulted was one of the questions in the previous Ofgem letter.

SE asked if there is a requirement to consult with Panel. TD confirmed the appointment of the Panel Chair is down to Transporters and there is no requirement to discuss this with Panel Members. Representatives agreed that the Transporters would not raise the issue at the forthcoming Panel, but would be ready to provide a progress update if one were to be requested.

SE asked were there any other processes that could be considered should Ofgem

require a change in the selection process. RH agreed developing this would be useful, but his immediate concern was the timing. With TD leaving at the end of the year, they may be left in a position where there is no Panel Chair in place. One possibility would be for TD to appoint a Deputy Panel Chair to manage the interim process before a new Chair is in place. SE felt it would be preferable to seek Ofgem's view first or alternatively for TD to continue as an interim appointment until any selection process was concluded.

SE asked, if the Deputy Panel Chair approach was chosen at this stage, might this signal that the Transporter's accept that Ofgem's initial view on selection is going to be implemented? RH clarified that he would not see the appointment of a Deputy being announced at his stage but that TD would be able to nominate a deputy for a particular period of time, which would allow the selection process to continue. Representatives agreed it would be preferable to nominate a deputy nearer the time rather than pre-empt an Ofgem view on selection. However, this was expected to require TD to remain in place as the Panel Chair, and this would require an agreement being in place with TD.

In addition there is a possibility to offer TD a contract to continue in the role as Panel Chair until any replacement is appointed.

25.3. AOB

None

25.4. Date of Next Meeting

Representatives agreed to meet again once Ofgem's response to SE's letter has been received.

Action Summary 04 October 2013

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
JGAC 2302	13/09/13	23.4	Provide proposed JGAA change to accommodate SEC implications	NGN (JF)	Carried Forward
JGAC 2303	13/09/13	23.6	Representatives to provide a view on moving to the JO managing a centralised service for legal text provision	Representatives	Carried forward
JGAC 2401	04/10/13	24.3	Provide a draft response to Ofgem's issues regarding the Panel Chair appointment process	JO (TD) NG (LJ)	Closed
JGAC 2501	11/10/13	25.2	Provide an outline of the Panel Chair role	JO (TD)	Pending