

Governance Workstream Minutes

Thursday 18 January 2007

350 Euston Road, London

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alex Barnes	(AB)	BG Group
Beverley Grubb	(BG)	Scotia Gas Networks
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid UKD
Dipen Gadhia	(DG)	Ofgem
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Total
John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Julian Majdanski	(JM)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Young	(MY)	British Gas Trading
Phil Broom	(PB)	Gaz de France ESS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Shelley Rouse	(SR)	Statoil

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Minutes from Previous Workstream

Were accepted without amendment.

1.2 Review of Actions

GOV 1018: BG to provide a scope and status update on a “house keeping” Proposal for the Modification Rules.

See item 4.0 below

Closed

2.0 Modification Proposals

None

3.0 Topics

None

4.0 Any Other Business

TD invited the Workstream to consider the merits of an informal review of how the Modification Rules were operating following the approval of Modification Proposals 0078 and 0084. The Workstream concluded that a few months further experience should be gained before considering any Proposal of the type suggested within Action 1018. This action was therefore closed.

MY suggested a review of the Urgent modification process would be desirable. Recent experience indicated, in his view, the need for more structure. Should there, for example be a minimum period for Panel consideration? TD pointed out that that, on exceptional occasions, a very short consultation period may be required. He also pointed out that whilst the Modification Rules on Urgent Procedures were very flexible, aspects of standard practice had developed, including the provision for five Business Days consultation and five further Business Days for Modification Panel members to review the report. RH pointed out that the rules permit Ofgem to consider the appropriate time-scales prior to agreeing the procedures with the Transporters.

It was agreed that a new Topic on this subject be raised. MY offered to prepare some thoughts for the February meeting. **Action MY**

5.0 Next Meeting

15 February 2007, following the UNC Committee meeting.

Action Log – UNC Governance Workstream 18 January 2007

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner*	Status Update
GOV 1018	17/08/06	2.	Provide a scope and status update on a “housekeeping” Proposal for the Modification Rules	Scotia Gas Networks (BG)	Agreed to review within Workstream following a few months of further experience. Closed
GOV 1019	19/10/06	4.1	Seek an Ofgem legal on whether the receipt of a Variation Request would cause any associated Alternative Proposals to lapse	Ofgem (DE)	Modification Process is proceeding on the basis that Alternative Proposals do not lapse. Closed
GOV 1020	18/01/07	4.0	Prepare a discussion document on potential changes to Urgent procedures for February 2007 Workstream	British Gas Trading (MY)	

* key to initials of action owners

BG – Beverley Grubb, DE – David Edward, MY – Mike Young