UNC Modification Proposal 0229 - Charging Methodology - Proposed Overview

1. The Allocation of Unallocated Gas Expert (AUGE) shall prepare an initial Allocation of Unallocated Gas Statement ('Statement') detailing the methodology by which it considers volumes of unallocated gas should be:

- a) calculated for the twelve months from April; and
- b) attributed between supply points based on their contribution to the overall volume of unallocated gas.
- 2. The AUGE shall ensure that the methodology:
 - (a) is transparent and objective ;
 - (b) does not discriminate between shippers;
 - (c) does not result in cross-subsidies between shippers or between supply points; and
 - (d) facilitates effective competition between gas shippers and between gas suppliers.

3. In preparing the methodology contained in the Statement, the AUGE shall ensure that it has:

- (a) been able to access data from relevant market participants;
- (b) consulted shippers on the proposed methodology and allowed them a formal period of not less than 28 days within which to make written representations; and
- (c) taken into account comments made by respondents or explain why it would not be appropriate to do so by reference to para 2 above.
- 4. The Statement shall be submitted to UNCC for approval by [???]

After the initial Statement

5. In each subsequent year, the AUGE shall submit a Statement to the UNCC regarding the application of the existing charging methodology detailing the –

- (a) the extent to which, in the AUGE's opinion, the existing relevant methodology achieved and /or continues to achieve the objectives as set out in para 2 above; or
- (b) basis on which the objectives contained in para 2 above could more closely be achieved by modification of the charging methodology.

6. Where para 5(b) applies, the AUGE shall ensure that any proposed modifications, suggested by the AUGE itself or shippers, have been subject to a minimum 28-day consultation process. For the purposes of para 5(b), the Statement referred to in para 5 shall detail:

- (i) the change or changes as originally proposed for the modification;
- (ii) the change or changes proposed better facilitate the objectives contained in para 2; and
- (iii) the consultation responses (if any) made by relevant shippers.