

UNC 0570 Workgroup Minutes
Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading
per meter point into settlement once per annum
Thursday 27 April 2017
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(ACI)	National Grid Gas Distribution
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Angela Love*	(AL)	ScottishPower
Carl Whitehouse	(CWh)	first:utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Gas Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON Energy
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Reily	(DR)	Ofgem
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kelly Docherty	(KD)	British Gas
Kish Nundloll	(KN)	ES Pipelines
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Steven Britton	(SB)	Cornwall

* via teleconference

Copies of all UNC meeting papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0570/270417>

The UNC Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 June 2017.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (23 March 2017)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

When asked whether or not ScottishPower is considering withdrawing the modification, AL made reference to her email to the Joint Office dated 26 April 2017 in which she clearly states that ScottishPower are not proposing to withdraw the modification at this time. Furthermore, ScottishPower has been in discussions with Ofgem around potential Shipper Licence changes, which remain ongoing.

AL then advised that she would look to provide a link to the Competition Market Authority (CMA) Order for inclusion within the Workgroup Report following the meeting.

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

During a brief onscreen review of the draft Workgroup Report, BF undertook changes inline with Workgroup discussions that focused initially on the proposed reference to [9] months contained in the two bullet points within Section 5 – Solution. In response to the discussions, AL agreed to consider amending this to 12 months to better reflect the CMA Order requirement for annual reads. AL then read out an extract from the CMA Order appertaining to the obtaining of valid meter reads, explaining that the 24 month ‘backstop’ date remains in place as a safe guard.

CW pointed out that the reference to UNC Section M, paragraph 3.5.2 should really be amended in order to take into account Project Nexus 0432 legal text requirements (i.e. preferably remove the specific paragraph reference).

Moving on to consider the provision of legal text, CW confirmed that National Grid Gas Distribution Limited would be looking to provide legal text for consideration at the May Workgroup meeting.

Concluding discussions, BF explained that he would send a copy of the draft Workgroup Report to AL to enable her to provide an amended modification in due course.

4.0 Review of Actions Outstanding

None.

5.0 AOB

None.

6.0 Next Steps

BF proposed that at the next meeting the Workgroup would consider any amendments made to the modification and review the legal text with a view to completing the Workgroup Report.

7.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 25 May 2017	Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ	Standard agenda plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of amended modification • Consideration of legal text • Completion of Workgroup Report