

**UNC Workgroup 0754R Minutes**  
**Investigate Advanced Analytic Options to improve NDM Demand Modelling**

**Thursday 29 September 2022**

**via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees,**

Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MP)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Michelle Brown	(MB)	Energy Assets
Sally Hardman	(SH)	SGN
Sarah Palmer	(SP)	E.ON
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Paul O'Toole	(PT)	Northern Gas Networks

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0754/290922>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 October 2022.

## **1.0 Introduction and Status Review**

Rebecca Hailes (RH) welcomed all to the meeting. She noted that it was her aspiration for the meeting to complete the Workgroup Report, and if the Workgroup agreed, to then submit it to the October Panel 2022, 1 month early.

### **1.1. Approval of Minutes (07 July 2022)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **1.2. Approval of Late Papers**

There were no late papers to consider.

### **1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions**

There were no outstanding actions.

## **2.0 DESC Interaction**

### **2.1. Update on DESC Considerations**

Mark Perry (MP) provided a high-level overview of the DESC – Agreement of Ad-Hoc Workplan (slides 7 and 8) which can be viewed via:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0754/290922>

MP noted that several of the Review Group findings had been incorporated into the future modelling process, these included 0754R's Area 2 - Data cleanse/validation, and 0754R's Area 3 - review of the End User Categories (EUC).

## **3.0 Development / Completion of Workgroup Report**

RH explained that she had extrapolated all the relevant information from the minutes and added this into the Workgroup Report.

Mark Perry (MP) and Joseph Lloyd (JL) had subsequently sensed checked and confirmed the content. RH advised this was why it was her intention to submit the completed report to the earlier October Panel subject to Workgroup's approval.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) asked if the Workgroup had now explored the subject sufficiently and if the Review Group had now achieved its purpose. SM noted that the discussions had been worthwhile and the adoption of some of the proposals has negated the need for a new Modification.

SM asked if any other strands were left, how would these be investigated and resolved? MP noted that these would be addressed within the Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC). SM said that it was important that any areas were further explored and used the example of the AQ's being very high and behind the normal process due to the current economic climate. MP said these were coming down every month by 1.5% or 1% and he explained that this was being discussed at the DESC meeting on 05 October 2022 in relation to the ALPs and DAFs to reduce the NDM allocation.

SM advised that the benefits of the DESC team undertaking this investigation on their own had meant that a mini-Code Manager type role had temporarily been created, which had then delivered significant improvements.

MP concurred with this statement and added that it had allowed the DESC team to build their expertise and provided time to explore different techniques and resources. Joseph Lloyd (JL) added that it presented a wider explorative mindset in relation to data modelling.

SM wanted to thank MP, JL and the overall team for their invaluable input and hard work during the duration of Review Workgroup. Likewise, both MP and JL thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

RH then proceeded to walk-through the content of the Workgroup Report seeking confirmation and clarification for specific areas where applicable. The Workgroup Report was completed ready for submission to the October Panel.

#### 4.0 Next Steps

RH summarised the key next steps as follows:

- Completion of Workgroup Report and publication.
- Submission to the October Panel on 20 October 2022.
- Closure of the Review Group subject to Panel's agreement.

#### 5.0 Any Other Business

None.

#### 6.0 Diary Planning

No future meetings. Review Group expected to close.

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