

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes Wednesday 21 September 2022 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Yvonne Reid-Healy (Chair)	(YRH)	Joint Office
Vera Li (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Anthony Perchard	(AP)	DNV
Colin Wainwright	(CW)	SGN
David Morley	(DM)	Ovo Energy
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Gregory Edwards	(GE)	Centrica
Ian Dunstan	(ID)	Wales & West Utilities
Karen Visgarda	(KV)	Joint Office
Keith Johnston	(KJ)	GTC UK
Matt Marshall	(MM)	Cadent
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	Northern Gas Networks
Simon Holden	(SH)	IADS (Observer)

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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Yvonne Reid-Healy (YRH) welcomed parties to the meeting.

1.1. Quoracy Status

The meeting was deemed to be quorate.

1.2. Approval of Minutes (23 March 2022)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.3. Approval of Last Papers

None to consider.

2.0 Shrinkage and Leakage Report Consultation Update

Colin Wainwright (CW) provided a brief update on the Shrinkage and Leakage Report Consultation. CW noted the Final Report had been published on 31 March and no further comments received.

Gregory Edwards (GE) raised two points for clarification:

1. GE advised he believed there was a statement in the report that mentioned the engagement with GDNs however, he assumed there was an oversight as neither he nor the other Shippers has been contacted for any input.
2. GE noted that there has never been any tracking of responses or investigation on issues raised during the consultation and he had been responding to every consultation since 2015. GE added that several issues raised did not seem to gain traction and were left un-investigated.

A general discussion took place and the DNs explained that they have been working on a project, which is currently at the Alpha phase, collating data. It was confirmed the Beta phase, which will be a duration of 18-24 months' and will be submitted for Ofgem approval in January 2023 with granted approval in February 2023. Colin Wainwright (CW) and Emma Buckton (EB) both explained that the project is still in the 'idea gathering process,' so they are unable to offer any further details at the present time.

YRH suggested in view of the importance of the project, an agenda item would to be included for future meetings to brief the Forum on stages, progress, and risks of project.

GE expressed the importance of engaging with all stakeholders to gain their involvement, adding it would be helpful to have regular updates within the Shrinkage Forum and wider audience.

GE asked how the DNs would be correcting the inaccuracy of the final report. EB asked GE to highlight the inaccuracy and said they would amend the specific section and re-issue the report. It was confirmed that there had been a misuse of tenses only, as the Consultation had taken place prior to issuing the report and no further Consultation after the issuing of report. CW confirmed he would change the "clause" and reissue to Joint Office and Ofgem.

The DNs suggested it would be helpful for Shippers to contact them directly to raise any issues for discussion.

YRH suggested to add an agenda Item – Shrinkage Profiling for the November meeting and GE agreed to lead on this discussion.

Action 0901: Centrica (GE) to lead discussion on Shrinkage Profiling as an agenda item for the November Meeting onwards.

Action 0902: SGN (CW) to redact, amend and re-issue Shrinkage and Leakage Report to Ofgem and Joint Office for circulation and publication to Shrinkage Forum webpage. CW will also amend "confidential" to "internal" for publication.

3.0 Terms of Reference Review

YRH provided a brief update of the Terms of Reference (TOR) Review.

YRH noted further to a previous meeting, the Joint Office had carried out a survey with some Shippers regarding their attendance. The Shippers' feedback had two main themes:

- Shippers dispute the methodology and calculations within the model
- Meetings are briefings and there is no proactive engagement or interaction with Shippers

GE suggested ways to increase the engagement of Shippers, which were:

- Availability and access to the information at the start of discussions regarding change management and projects
- Having a 2-way conversation with Shippers. This will enable Shippers to share knowledge, experience, and best practice

It was agreed GE will lead conversations with DNs. YRH requested that the Joint Office is to be included in these conversations and the re-evaluation of the Terms of Reference.

4.0 Own Gas Use Update

EB confirmed there was no further update on this subject as this area has already been covered in previous discussions.

5.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0101: Joint Office (YRH) to speak to the incumbent Chair about how or what the Joint Office can do to engage Shippers and understand their commitment to future Shrinkage Forum meetings and discussions.

Update: Joint Office (YRH/HC) to continue communications with Shippers and DNs. CW to communicate with JO to accommodate meetings. **Carried Forward**

6.0 Any Other Business

David Morley (DM) noted that in general, Shippers have not attended the Shrinkage Forum because the overall structure is too rigid, and they do not agree with the model.

Matt Marshall (MM) explained that there was a SIF Regeneration Project called the ‘Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics’ (DPLA) that is headed up by Cadent, with National Grid and SGN investigating how to model the emissions, which could eventually lead to a new way to model leakage. MM added that Ofgem will have the final sign off and he will be supplying an update at the November Shrinkage meeting.

GE said that initial stakeholder engagement was important and that this was the first time he had heard of this project, and he was keen to have input if that was possible. MM advised there was a stakeholder/engagement team who were presently working on the engagement process. YRH asked if a cross check could be undertaken against the Shrinkage Forum members and Cadent to ensure that they had the correct and updated members.

Action 0903: Cadent (MM) to provide update on “Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics” in November Shrinkage Forum

7.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Forum meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
09:30, Wednesday 23 November 2022	17:00, Monday 14 November 2022	Teams Meeting	Standard Workgroup Agenda

Action Table (as at 21 September 2022)

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0101	12/01/22	4.1	Joint Office (YRH) to speak to the incumbent Chair about how or what the Joint Office can do to engage Shippers and understand their commitment to future Shrinkage Forum meetings and discussions.	Joint Office (YRH)	Carried Forward	Nov 22
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