

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2006

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities), A Raper (National Grid UKD) and R Cameron-Higgs (Northern Gas Networks)

User Representatives: A Barnes (BG Group), P Broom (Gaz de France), C Sykes (Statoil), and P Bolitho (E.ON)

Ofgem Representative(s):

D Edward

Consumers Representative(s):

Joint Office:

T Davis (Chairman), L Dupont (Deputy Secretary)

21.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting:

C Sykes for M Young (British Gas Trading) and A Raper for B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks)

21.2 Record of apologies for absence:

B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), M Young (British Gas Trading) and J Majdanski (Joint Office of Gas Transporters)

21.3 Record invitees to meeting:

None

21.4 Monthly Reports from Sub-Committees:

- a) Demand Estimation – *report accepted.*
- b) Energy Balancing Credit – *report accepted.*
CS and RH voiced concerns relating to emergencies, and considered that there were issues towards which EBCC should make a more detailed contribution. There was a short discussion on the outcome of the initial meeting:
 - *exposure to extreme cash out prices - if in balance a Shipper would not be affected, so risk would be limited;*
 - *if a Shipper fails, the Supplier faces cash out prices – this risk could be mitigated by effectively allowing a Supplier to become a party to Code in these circumstances;*
 - *risks emerge from delays when appointing a Supplier of Last Resort – accelerating the process would help;*
 - *to offset risks by increasing credit requirements would increase other risks too much and could be counter-productive.*
- c) UK-Link – *report accepted.*
In light of recent business, a review of the frequency of meetings was suggested by the Joint Office.

- d) Standards of Service – *report accepted.*
- e) RbD Audit – *report accepted.*

21.5 Matters of Implementation:

None

21.6 Any Other Business:

None

21.7 Conclude Meeting.

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 18 January 2006, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.