UNC Workgroup 0379 Minutes Provision for an AQ Review Audit

Friday 05 October 2012

at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alex Ross	(AR)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Brendan Murphy	(BM)	Waters Wye Associates
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell*	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Dong Energy
Marie Clark	(MC)	ScottishPower
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Naomi Anderson*	(NA)	EDF Energy
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Rowaa Mahmoud*	(RM)	Ofgem

* via teleconference link

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Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 18 October 2012.

1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

No outstanding actions to review.

2. Workgroup Report

AM opened by explaining that following discussions held with Ofgem, further development of the rationale behind the cost benefits aspects of the modification is needed (i.e. scale of impact on misallocation and the effect on the market) – to this end, an amended modification is currently in the pipeline which focuses on allocation / misallocation changes, rather than simply market impacts. He is confident that the amended proposal would be ready in time (by no later than close of play on 17 October 2012) for consideration at the 25 October 2012 meeting.

In believing that it is not reasonable to expect to complete the Workgroup report at today's meeting, AM asked the workgroup to consider seeking Panel (and Ofgem) approval for an additional 3 month extension. Having said that AM remained confident that a 01 April 2013 effective implementation date remains a realistic target.

Looking to outline the next steps in the process, BF explained that having sought and been granted an extension previously, he would now prepare a Workgroup report (along

similar lines to the previous version seeking a further extension) for submission to the 18 October 2012 Panel meeting – the expectation being that if the extension request is approved by both Panel and Ofgem, it would return to the Workgroup for further development inline with the amended modification proposal.

In closing, BF asked RM to discuss the proposed extension request with the Ofgem Panel representative, so that they are fully aware of the circumstances surrounding the request.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning

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

The next meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup on:

Thursday 25 October 2012, 10:30, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT.