

UNC Workgroup 0425 Minutes
Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – Shipperless sites
Thursday 03 October 2013
via Teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Andy Ball	(AB)	RWE npower
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Jonathan Kiddle	(JK)	RWE npower

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The Workgroup's Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel by 17 October 2013

1.0 Review of Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were accepted.

2.0 Final Modification Report (FMR)

BF briefed the Workgroup on the requirements to finalise the Final Modification Report (FMR).

Revised Legal Text had been provided for the Workgroup to consider at today's meeting. The Workgroup reviewed Ofgem's comments and the particular areas of legal text highlighted in yellow and the respective changes required to the business rules.

AM confirmed an amendment had been made to Business Rule 11 and reflected in the legal text. BF clarified that the existing FMR would not reflect any changes to the Business Rule until a Variation Request is submitted to the Panel to consider. The Workgroup considered the change to be immaterial. BF noted the required change within the FMR.

The Workgroup considered the back registration process. It was noted that Business Rule 17, legal text paragraph 3.7.21 and the Variation Request would need to reflect the timeframe required.

The Workgroup considered Business Rule 2 where there appeared to be a Transporters obligation to identify upon any site visit that the meter is connected and capable of flowing gas. AM confirmed that this was not the intention. It was agreed some refinement to the rule was required to reflect – if during the course of normal activity the Transporter discovers a meter capable of flowing gas that is not registered. The Workgroup did not consider this change to be immaterial change.

The Workgroup considered Ofgem's comments relating to legal text paragraph 3.7.15 and the respective business rules 5-9 which lists various data items, validation and provision of information and how parties would know what the process would be and the data required. It was suggested there needs to be a reasonable sense/validation check in

advance of issuing a notice prompting a Shipper to take action within the legal text.

It was acknowledged that the duplicate process couldn't be inserted into the legal text.

It was clarified that Business Rule 22 relates to the non-pursual of site registration if this is to be picked up by new incoming contract, simply to avoid duplication. Some concern was expressed about the gap created and the inconsistency with Business Rules 17 and retrospective adjustments. The Workgroup considered the need to pursue users for the use of gas whilst unregistered. AM explained the prospect of not having the rule could result in a new supply contract registration being overridden. CB believed an adjustment should still be made to adjust costs on behalf of the industry. It was agreed to record a comment within the FMR to express the concern of some Shippers about the use of unregistered gas and that a gap could exist in this scenario. AM explained that the modification was deliberately silent on the pursual of unregistered gas.

The Workgroup considered the treatment of costs, these will be funded by the DNs and reasonable reassurances have been provided to the DNs. It was acknowledged that the modification will have costs and will be a User Pays modification however these are not expected to be material over and above Modification 0424 and no costs will be referred under User Pays.

Next Steps:

Variation Request and Varied Modification to be submitted by the proposer to record the changes required to the solution and business rules.

Legal text amendments to be made to sections 3.7.15 and 3.7.21.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 Diary Planning

No further meetings were planned.