

UNC Workgroup 0425 Minutes
Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – Shipperless sites
Thursday 24 January 2013
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Collette Baldwin*	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Rob Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulliganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0425/240113

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 21 February 2013.

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 action to review.

2. Legal Text / Workgroup Report

The Workgroup considered the Workgroup Report.

GE enquired about the evidence required and the burden of proof when a Shipper believes they do not have a contract to supply a customer. AM explained any evidence provided to the Transporter would need to be accepted in good faith. He believed there was sufficient incentive for Suppliers/Shippers to act appropriately. If a customer provides evidence they

have a contract with a Supplier but subsequently results in a disconnection, this could result in the loss of the customer and damage to their reputation.

GE highlighted a discrepancy between the Business Rules and Legal Text. He believed there was a different test between Business Rule 24 and Legal Text paragraph 3.7.18 surrounding users identifying or demonstrating they are not responsible for the supply. He was particularly concerned about the legal text including the need for demonstration. AM confirmed his intention to amend the business rule for clarification. It was suggested, from a high level perspective, that the terminology might want to refer to a Shipper warranting rather than demonstrating. It was recognised that this terminology was used elsewhere in the UNC; the Workgroup collectively agreed the change would be suitable to the solution and legal text. AM agreed to adjust the terminology used in the business rules and for the legal text to be amended. It was agreed to amend the modification before publishing a draft Workgroup report for approval on 04 February 2013.

The Workgroup considered the legal text provided by National Grid Distribution, it was acknowledged that the 01 April implementation date may need to be altered depending on when the Ofgem decision was made. GE enquired if a lead-time would be required for implementation or if upon a decision the modification could be implemented immediately.

CW and AM agreed to work together to establish a suitable implementation date for the modification and legal text; currently this was for sites isolated from 01 April 2013. JD hoped to provide a decision by the end of March, however if the decision date slipped he believed the date could be adjusted through the correct governance process.

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:

Monday 04 February 2013, at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update