

**UNC Workgroup 0428/0428A Minutes  
Single Meter Supply Points  
Thursday 28 February 2013  
at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw*	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Amie Charalambous	(AC)	RWE npower
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Andrew Green	(AG)	Total Gas & Power
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Marie Clark	(MC)	ScottishPower
Naomi Anderson	(NA)	EDF Energy
Phil Broom	(PB)	GDF Suez
Robert Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mullinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

\* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0428/280213>.

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 18 April 2013.

**1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting**

**1.1. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2. Actions**

**0101:** National Grid NTS to provide analysis on the impacts to directly connected sites.

**Update:** DC indicated that he was unable to provide a further update at this time. AR advised that he had discussed the matter (specifically aspects of aggregated offtakes and supply point capacity) with a colleague. Furthermore, due to the potential modification implementation timescales he believes that there is still scope to tweak in due course. AR also suggested that there could be some Project Nexus impacts that would need consideration in due course. He went on to suggest that whilst the modification refers to supply points, he very much doubts that there are any supply points on the NTS as they are

usually referred to as offtakes – it was agreed to realign the modification for AR to double check with National Grid NTS to ascertain if any directly connected sites were involved.

In discussing whether or not, it was appropriate to close the action GE indicated that he would not be comfortable to sign off the Workgroup Report until such a time as the matters the action relates to have been resolved to his satisfaction. **Carried Forward**

## 2. Legal Text / Workgroup Report

### Legal text

AR confirmed that amended Legal Text had been provided and published at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0428](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0428).

When asked, those present indicated that they were happy with the amended (0428) legal text.

### Alternative Modification 0428A

SM provided an explanation behind the rationale for the modification, he remains concerned that Modification 0428 would have a material impact on the industry and this alternative is aimed at protecting consumers who have made investment decisions based on the rules in place at the time. He then went on to advise that in his view the modification aligns itself with Project Nexus developments, especially on the basis of potential cost efficiency. However, in acknowledging that the modification mirrors the Modification 0428, he does not think it would be an issue if it were implemented earlier. In simplistic terms, Modification 0428A seeks to protect the aggregation principles – views on whether or not this is correct would be welcomed.

It was noted that whilst removing the current functionality would in theory save the industry money, maintaining the functionality would cost the industry money when considering the Project Nexus build requirements, despite accepting that these costs are already part of an industry approved process and therefore funded.

Additionally, it was recognised that at the 21 February 2013 Panel meeting, members present challenged whether or not, Modification 0428A should be linked directly to 0428 and concluded that the two modifications should be linked.

SM advised that Modification 0428A proposes that current aggregations would be allowed and managed as an aggregation or re-aggregation but no new aggregations would be allowed after the implementation date. Parties quickly debated whether or not the legal text, as provided within the Section 6 of the modification is an accurate reflection of the intention behind the modification and agreed it should be amended. SM indicated that he would be happy to consider tweaking the text if deemed necessary in due course.

In considering recent discussions around (aggregation) and Meter Point en-block moves (Supplier / Contractor link code), it was suggested that this is not needed at this time. In short, it was felt that the link code approach has issues, as it could result in (more) frequent supply point amendments that could be very difficult to track. AR observed that whilst having meter points 'stitched' together at the supply point and possibly portfolio level may be advantageous from a contractual perspective, the benefits are less obvious in its operation and complexity.

### Workgroup Report

In light of outstanding Action 0101, it was agreed to defer consideration of the Workgroup Report until the 06 March 2013 meeting.

## 3. Any Other Business

None.

#### 4. Diary Planning for Review Group

No further meetings were planned. OR

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

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

Wednesday 06 March 2013 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Thursday 28 March 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Thursday 25 April 2013 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

**Action Table**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0101	24/01/2013	2.0	Provide analysis on the impacts to directly connected sites.	National Grid NTS (BV)	<b>Carried Forward</b>