

UNC Workgroup 0448 Minutes
Aligning UNC with Licence Conditions relating to European
legislative change
Wednesday 13 November 2013
via teleconference

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Les Jenkins	(LJ)	Joint Office
Roberta Fernie	(RF)	Ofgem
Sean McGoldrick	(SMc)	National Grid NTS

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 December 2013.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Review of Minutes

Not considered.

1.2 Review of Actions

No outstanding actions to consider.

2.0 Legal Text Review

SMc provided a brief overview of the latest amendments to the legal text undertaken to reflect discussions at the previous meeting. SMc advised that paragraph 6.2.1(e) changes are used to trigger other elements of the modification and that paragraph 6.4.5 changes are not necessarily EU specific.

In focusing on changes to paragraph 6.5.7(b), RF voiced her concerns that this could potentially limit Ofgem's ability to veto modification withdrawals. It was noted that where a party raise what they believe to be an EU Modification Ofgem can always use their power to reject the modification should they disagree with its status. TD pointed out that the modification is about giving instructions to the modification process and that seeking to put licence provisions within Code is an irrelevance - there is no need to create a 2nd role to stop withdrawals.

When asked, those present approved the proposed legal text amendments.

3.0 Workgroup Report Completion

When asked, those present indicated that they were happy with the Workgroup Report. TD then advised that the Workgroup Report would be finalised with the inclusion of the latest legal text, and thereafter presented as a short notice item at the 21 November Panel meeting.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

No more Workgroup meetings are envisaged at this time.