

**UNC Workgroup 0466 Minutes
Daily Meter Reading Simplification
Tuesday 08 April 2014
31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT**

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Margan*	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0466/080414

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 May 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

Minutes accepted.

1.2. Actions

0301: National Grid to provide potential indicative service cost charges for a within day Meter Read service.

Update: CW explained it would be difficult to provide an indicative service cost charge at present. SM expressed concern that it would be difficult to benchmark commercial services without an indicative price for providing the data in a similar way to what is provided now. It was agreed that a New Issue should be raised through the Distribution Workgroup to pick up this item so it does not delay the development of Modification 0466.

Closed.

2.0 Discussion

CW confirmed an amended modification and legal text had been provided.

AR summarised the changes to the modification. DA explained that there are some complexities with the forthcoming gas day changes. The modification had been changed to work towards providing reads by 12:00 and liability being paid if they were not provided by 14:00.

CB expressed concern about the D+4 read provision service delivery and the impact on Shippers. CB explained that closing out on the wrong value could cause a significant impact on allocation costs and settlement. This also causes an issue with the system defaulting to a D-7 estimate. SM highlighted the issues surrounding consequential loss. CB believed that the incentive regime had been developed to incentivise Transporters to achieve delivery and that reducing the incentive for a service that has a much higher financial impact to Shippers was not acceptable without justification. CB was uncomfortable reducing the payment down whilst Transporters are not achieving the target consistently. CB was also concerned about the impact of the change to business days, this could potentially impact sites that operate 24/7 as it would exclude weekends and Bank Holidays.

AR agreed to review the modification in relation to the performance incentive and how the industry could move away from the £75 incentive payment once Transporters were able to demonstrate performance achievements. He believed the industry could make a stepped change towards the reduction to £50 or lower once the new technology was rolled out.

3.0 Legal Text

Further to discussing the incentive regime it was recognised that the Legal Text would require further amendment.

It was anticipated that the legal text would be provided for consideration in time for the next meeting.

4.0 Workgroup Report

The Workgroup reviewed and updated the Workgroup Report.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning

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

The next meeting will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on:
Wednesday 07 May 2014 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	11/03/14	2.0	National Grid to provide potential indicative service cost charges for a within day Meter Read service.	National Grid (CW)	Closed