UNC Workgroup 0466 Minutes Daily Meter Reading Simplification

Thursday 26 June 2014

at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Hunter*	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilita
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Good Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas UK)
Swetta Cooparmah	(SC)	British Gas

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Copies of all papers are available at: http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0466/260614

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 July 2014.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

No outstanding actions to consider.

2.0 Legal Text

The Workgroup considered the provided legal text during discussions of item 3.0 below.

3.0 Workgroup Report

The Workgroup undertook an onscreen review of the Workgroup Report (v1.0, dated 06 June 2014) during which AR indicated that the recent changes undertaken to the legal text reflected the discussions at the previous meetings and CW confirmed that the main focus of the changes is on the 'within day' aspects.

RJ then explained that his proposed alternative Modification 0466A (which will be presented to the 17 July Panel) is seeking to leave the Transporters free to charge for the service whilst allowing Shippers access to the 'within day' data.

AR reminded those present that the subject is not about mandated reads under Code and the (0466) modification seeks to leave it open to Suppliers to make their own judgements on their respective licence obligations (i.e. the service provision is outside of the regulated sphere).

In seeking a pragmatic route to developing the WGR, BF asked National Grid Distribution whether or not they would be in a position to provide (revised) legal text (subject to the July Panel referring 0466A to this Workgroup) that takes into account the requirements of 0466A, to which CW indicated that he believes that they would be able to accommodate the request. AR also pointed out that the Transporters have asked Xoserve to investigate suitable delivery options.

BF suggested that the real issue relates to how the Workgroup assesses the User Pays impacts associated with the alternative modification. DA advised that he would look to provide a High Level Cost estimate (HLC) in due course.

Concluding discussions, the Workgroup Report requests that the July Panel grants an extension to the reporting deadline to enable further assessment of the legal text to be undertaken.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 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:

Thursday 24 July 2014 at 10:30, 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.