

## UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 23 May 2013

at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 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
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andrea Varkonyi*	(AV)	First Utility
Chris Hill	(CH)	Cornwall Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Corby*	(DC)	National Grid Transmission
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	WatersWye Associates
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford*	(HC)	Utilita
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Tom Breckwoldt	(TB)	Gazprom Energy

\* via teleconference

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### 1. Introduction and Status Review

#### 1.1. Minutes from the previous meeting(s)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

#### 1.2. Review of actions from previous meeting(s)

No outstanding actions for review.

#### 1.3. Modifications with Ofgem

In the absence of an Ofgem representative consideration of this item was deferred.

### 2. Workgroups

The following individual Workgroup meetings took place:

#### 2.2 0431S - Shipper/Transporter - Meter Point Portfolio Reconciliation

(Report to Panel 18 July 2013) – Papers at:

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0431](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0431)

#### 2.3 0450 - Monthly revision of erroneous SSP AQs outside the User AQ Review Period

(Report to Panel 19 September 2013) – Papers at:

[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0450](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0450)

**2.4** 0425 - Re-establishment of Supply Meter Points – Shipperless sites  
(Report to Panel 15 August 2013) – Papers at:  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0425](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0425)

**2.5** 0445 - Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity  
(Report to Panel 15 August 2013) – Papers at:  
[www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0445](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0445)

### **3. Issues**

#### **3.1 ISS 0052 - Transfer of Assets**

Whilst the issue is temporarily on hold, AR did advise that the information should be available in June. When asked whether or not change of supplier and RGMA flows had been considered, AR replied by confirming that he would double check with the iGTs that no changes had taken place in the interim period that would affect the information being provided.

#### **3.2 New Issues**

None.

### **4 Any Other Business**

#### Shipperless and Unregistered Sites Letter Release Update

Concerns were voiced around the slippage in the proposed release date for the Shipperless and Unregistered Sites. AR advised that part of the problem related to the time taken to fully consider how to manage the pending site issues, compounded by the fact that tweaks to the wording of the letters have also been requested. EM also pointed out that responses had exceeded their (Transporters) expectations before indicating that she believes that the release of the letter is imminent, with a second letter expected around July time. When asked, AR advised that he had only had sight of the (draft) letter within the last few weeks.

AM reminded those present that he had originally raised the issue around November 2012 and that it has led to a protracted process – EM accepted the concerns / points raised and explained that she had seen email traffic appertaining to this matter during the course of this meeting, and as a consequence, expects to be in a better position to discuss the matter in more detail at the July meeting.

#### Provision of SPOR reports

Transporters confirmed that, no additional reports would be provided by them, other than the Northern Gas Networks report below.

#### UNC Modification 0399 Theft of Gas Reports presentation

ARS provided a brief overview of the 'UNC Section V13: Annexes 6 & 7' presentation.

Concerns were voiced firstly about the apparent 9 months delay in the publishing of the reports, and secondly relating to what some believe to be the inclusion of additional items of information (outside the remit of the original modification) which may have added to the delay – some questioned whether or not this demonstrated undue interference by the Transporters. Responding, AR indicated that the Transporters had simply 'dropped the ball', whilst EM pointed out that the changes undertaken were only there to add clarity around what is meant by data. Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that Ofgem have already articulated that this is an interim solution only, until the SPAA solution comes on stream.

### Theft of Gas Reasonable Endeavours Cost Recovery presentation

CW provided a brief overview of the rationale behind the '2012/13 Reasonable Endeavours Cost Recovery' presentation explaining that it seeks to build upon the work undertaken in the Shipperless Sites area.

During a brief discussion, CW asked parties to note that a lot of this data would not be included within the Modification 0399 'Transparency of Theft Detection Performance' reports. Additionally, he highlighted the fact that the discrepancy between the estimated total cost of investigation (£21,375.86) and the recoverable costs (£4305.60) reflects the current limitations of their licence (in terms of the cost of pass-through).

Summing up, CW advised that he expects that there would be a significant 'ramping up' of cost recovery in future as this becomes embedded in Transporter processes – regular updates to follow.

The consensus amongst those present was that this represents a good starting point for this initiative.

## **5 Diary Planning**

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

Distribution Workgroup meetings will take place on:

Thursday 27 June 2013, at 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Thursday 25 July 2013 at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ.