

UNC Modification Panel

Minutes of the 147th Meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2013 via teleconference

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representative
S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom C Wright (CWr), British Gas and alternate for R Fairholme	C Warner (CWa), National Grid Distribution E Melen (EM), Scotia Gas Networks M Thorne (MT), National Grid NTS	C Hill (CH), Consumer Focus

Non-Voting Members:

Ofgem Representative	Terminal Operators' Representative	Chairman
J Kane (JK), Ofgem		T Davis (TD), Joint Office

Also in Attendance:

A Raper, National Grid Distribution; H Cuin (HC), Deputy Panel Secretary, Joint Office.

Record of Discussions

147.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

C Wright for R Fairholme (E.ON UK)

E Melen for A Musgrave (Scotia Gas Networks)

M Thorne for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS)

S Mulinganie for A Barnes (Gazprom)

147.2 Record of Apologies for absence

A Barnes, A Green, A Musgrave, P Broom, R Fairholme, R Hewitt and S Edwards.

147.3 Consider New, Urgent Modification

- a) Modification 0464 - Alternative LNG supply to the Scottish Independent Networks (SINs)

EM introduced the modification and the reasons why she considered urgent procedures were appropriate. Urgency had been requested to ensure implementation by 31 October 2013 such that appropriate contingency arrangements are in place for alternative supplies over the coming winter. These would only be used if normal arrangements fail. EM explained that normal stock levels may not be sufficient to meet winter demand during a period in which supplies from the usual provider are unavailable. This contingency plan would therefore help to ensure security of supply and so meet Ofgem's urgency criteria.

EM was unable to indicate any likelihood of failure at Avonmouth at any particular time – the desire was to get a contingency in place before any failure if and when that should occur, and hence urgent status was being sought. EM added that extensive work has been taking place in the background to identify an appropriate contingency and the UNC changes needed to support this. There had been no intention to delay raising a modification until the desired timetable could only be met through the granting of urgent status.

CW indicated that, while he supported urgent status, he had some questions around the impact on costs and customers which he anticipated raising as part of any response to the modification.

JK indicated that the urgency criteria, as published by Ofgem, encapsulate security of supply and not simply security of the system.

Members then voted and unanimously determined to recommend that Modification 0464 should follow urgent procedures.

147.4 Any Other Business

None raised

147.5 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting

10:30 19 September 2013 at the ENA.