

**Uniform Network Code Committee**

**Minutes of the 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2015**

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

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>
A Green (AG), Total A Margan* (AM), British Gas P Broom (PB), GDF Suez R Fairholme* (RF), E.ON UK S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution E Melen (EM), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks and for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities) F Healy (FH), National Grid NTS

**Non-Voting Members:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Consumer Representative</b>
A Plant (AP), Chair	R Edwards (RE), Ofgem	C Alexander (CA), Citizens Advice

**Also in Attendance:**

F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; H Chapman (HC), Xoserve; K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office and R Fletcher (RF), Secretary.

**134.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

J Ferguson for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities)

**134.2 Apologies for Absence**

S Edwards

**134.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting**

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**134.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention**

a) Indicative timelines for Modification 0473 - Project Nexus – Allocation of Unidentified Gas  
FC provided a presentation setting out a proposed timeline for the process required to implement Modification 0473 and put in place the new AUG process. This included setting out the role and responsibilities of the UNCC.

FC confirmed the implementation date for Modification 0473 is aligned to the Project Nexus Implementation Date and the existing AUG table rolls forward until that date.

FC advised that Transporters are to provide draft AUG selection criteria (which would be based on the previous AUG criteria) for the UNCC to discuss and agree. PB asked if the issue with intellectual property rights (IP) would impact the availability of models used by the previous AUG as this may impact or distort market selection. The IP issue should be resolved in the new selection criteria to ensure it does not reside with the service provider.

AM asked if other Shippers have concerns should they feed this information into the criteria selection meeting? FC confirmed that it would be the best approach. The aim is to agree the selection criteria by the August UNCC meeting.

SM asked if a lessons learned process has been undertaken that would prove useful for the UNCC to see and influence the selection criteria. FC agreed this would be provided based on a draft version of the previous selection criteria.

FC pointed out an anomaly in the framework implies 01 October go live date for the AUG process, whereas the legal text states 01 April as the commencement of the AUG year. SM was concerned that the go live is proposed as 01 April 2018, why isn't it possible for April 2017. FC confirmed this is unlikely due to the procurement process and it won't be possible for the AUG to commence work prior to the Nexus Implementation Date.

SM challenged why it wouldn't be possible for the AUG to commence work prior to the Nexus Implementation Date. FC felt this was something they may be able to consider in the contract process if there were some factor of risk reduction or protection for the service provider.

SM challenged why there isn't Shipper representation on the AUG selection panel when the tender submissions are reviewed. FC was concerned this might introduce additional governance burden which could delay the process and that it wasn't a factor in the previous AUG selection.

AP suggested that procurement legislation allows for advisors to be used in a procurement event and Xoserve could consider using a panel for this purpose. FC agreed to explore whether an advisory panel could be constituted to support the procurement process.

FC agreed to review if it would be possible to get the new AUG working sooner should the Nexus implementation date be delayed to September 2016 or later.

FC asked if there was a view on whether the table set out in the framework should be used or the listing in the legal text as they were different – the legal text excluded EUCs? SM agreed to consider which should be used for AUG purposes and notify FC.

**New Action UNCC01/06** SM to provide confirmation was to the information to be used in the Table of Factors.

### **134.5 Any Other Business**

#### **a) UKLC Project Nexus File Format Review Process**

AG raised a concern that the recent proposed changes to agreed file formats had been discussed at the UKLink Sub-committee (UKLC) and that these should be submitted for wider industry review, prior to approval as they have a significant impact on Nexus development. AG questioned whether the UKLC was sufficiently representative of the industry to provide the approval.

LJ confirmed that the proposed changes had been communicated via the change pack and that separate meetings were arranged for industry parties to attend and for their views to be submitted to the UKLC meeting prior to approval. This was the same process as used for the previous file format approval required for Nexus implementation.

SM raised similar concerns that major project changes/variations were being agreed by a sub-committee, which is outside of their usual activities – there should be wider industry scrutiny.

LJ asked members to note that should the UKLC fail to agree the required changes then the issue could be escalated to UNCC as had previously happened.

AG asked if UNCC can request reports or change the role of the UKLC for this purpose. AP clarified that reports could be requested from UKLC and asked for members to provide details of what they would wish to change in the UKLC terms of reference.

It was agreed to revisit this item at the next meeting.

### **134.6 Next Meeting**

Thursday 16 July 2015, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

**Action Table – UNCC**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
<b>UNCC 01/06</b>	18/06/15	134.4	SM to provide confirmation was to the information to be used in the Table of Factors.	SM	Pending