

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 84th Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2011
at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: C Warner (National Grid Distribution), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks), J Martin (Scotia Gas Networks), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and S Trivella (Wales & West Utilities)

User Representatives: A Green (Total), C Hill (First Utility), C Wright (British Gas Trading), P Broom (GDF Suez) and R Fairholme (E.ON UK)

Joint Office: T Davis (Chair) and R Fletcher (Deputy Secretary)

Observers Present: A Miller (Xoserve), D Ianora (Ofgem), E Melen (Scotia Gas Networks)

Record of Alternates: J Martin for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks)

Apologies for Absence: A Gibson and R Hall (Consumer Focus)

84.3 Matters of Implementation

a) Draft DESC Terms of Reference

TD asked if the UNCC wished to consider the DESC and Expert Group terms of reference or wait until a decision had been reached on Modification 0331. CH felt it would be beneficial to review the documents once the modification is approved.

The UNCC unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the DESC and Expert Group Terms of Reference.

b) Draft Expert Group Terms of Reference

See discussion under a).

84.4 Any Other Business

a) Modification 0276 – Alternative User Pays approach to UNC Modification Proposal 0263 - Enabling the Assignment of a Partial Quantity of Registered NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity

TD asked if an update was available on implementation this modification. RHe advised that if the service is requested, an ACS change will be raised and the modification can be implemented. This is an uncomfortable position - the modification was approved for implementation but the ACS rejected, and National Grid NTS is unwilling to implement in the absence of any demand for the service.

b) Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement

AM advised that the AUGS is to be published at the end of the month, and will contain the methodology but not the energy values. He requested the item be added to the UNCC agenda in December. The energy values are likely to be published at the end of December.

TD asked if the UNCC is to be asked to approve the AUGS. AM explained that a unanimous vote to disapprove the statement is the only way to prevent the statement being implemented.

PB asked if the NDM/DM split would be identified in the report. AM advised the methodology adopted will be available but not the energy values or actual split.

AG was concerned the methodology is to be approved without first seeing the actual numbers and confirming these are correct. AM advised that queries can be raised until February once the AUGS is published. Any new issues raised would be considered the following year.

84.5 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meetings as:

Thursday 15 December 2011, at the ENA, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.