Uniform Network Code Committee

Minutes of the 87th Meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2012 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 (Secretary)

Observers Present: A Miller (Xoserve), A Raper (National Grid Distribution), D Mitchell (Scotia Gas Networks), J Dixon (Ofgem), J Vignola (Centrica Storage), R Cameron-Higgs (Wales & West Utilities)

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

Apologies for Absence: A Gibson

87.3 Matters for the UNCC

a) The RbD Audit Sub Committee has recommended not to conduct an audit for 2013.

Members unanimously determined not to conduct an RbD Audit for 2013.

Members asked the RbD Audit Sub Committee to consider what their future role should be and report back to the UNCC.

b) Standards of Service sub-committee

The Standards of Service sub- committee asked the UNCC if there should be a review of the current standards of service, if they were appropriate going forward and whether it would be possible for the Standards of Service sub-committee to meet as and when required, rather than quarterly.

JD asked if members would like to see a review of UNC compliance to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place. He asked members to note the number of recent modifications that appeared to be challenging compliance and performance.

Members requested that the Standards of Service sub-committee consider what their future role should be and report back to the UNCC.

c) Draft DESC Terms of Reference

JF explained the recent amendments to the DESC Terms of Reference (ToR) and that additional comments had been received since publication, which she proposed should be included in a future version of the document.

RF wanted to know why there was only one version of the ToR - should the expert group have its own ToR? JF advised that DESC could create an expert group and set them separate ToR if required.

Members unanimously approved the DESC ToR, noting that amendments may be submitted for approval at the March UNCC.

Members unanimously determined that DESC membership should be provided by an election process managed by the Gas Forum (option 3) and that current membership of DESC is to be retained for the current year.

87.4 Matters of Implementation

 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 advised that this modification is still awaiting implementation.

b) Modification 0376S 0376SA - Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity

TD advised that Modification 0376 requires an implementation date, as it is not possible to implement at the present time due to the need for system changes. RHe indicated that costs are yet to be identified.

87.5 Any Other Business

None raised

87.6 Next Meeting

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

Thursday 15 March 2012, at the ENA, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.