

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 93rd Meeting held on Thursday 19 July 2012
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green* (AG), Total, C Hill (CH), First Utility C Wright (CW _r), British Gas P Broom* (PB), GDF Suez R Fairholme (RF), EON UK	C Warner (CW _a), National Grid Distribution E Melen (EM), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks and alternate for S Edwards, Wales & West Utilities R Hewitt (RH), National Grid NTS

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman
T Davis (TD), Joint Office

Also in Attendance:

A Clasper (AC), National Grid Distribution; A Miller (AM), Xoserve; B Murphy (BM), WatersWye; B Smith (BS), National Grid NTS; C Whitehand (CWh), GL Noble Denton; D Ianora* (DI), Ofgem; D Mitchell (DM), Scotia Gas Networks; F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; Gareth Evans (GE), WatersWye; G Wood* (GW), British Gas; H Cuin (HC), Joint Office; J Varney (JV), National Grid NTS; M Clarke* (MC), ScottishPower, R Fletcher (RF), Secretary and T Perchard (TP), GL Noble Denton

* denotes by Teleconference

93.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

E Melen for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks)
J Ferguson for S Edwards (Wales & West Utilities)

93.2 Apologies for Absence

A Gibson and S Edwards

93.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

Action UNCC 0105: AUGE to provide a breakdown of data used in the unidentified gas calculation and a worked example.

Update: CWh advised that it is likely the information will be provided and published next week. **Closed**

93.4 Matters for the UNCC

a) Allocation of unidentified gas update

CWh provided an overview of the process undertaken so far, including consultation responses and the initial review of consumption data.

Consumption data

TP advised that the amount of useable data is encouraging and that this should feed into the top level values and calculations. Recommendations should be issued soon and should prove the validity or otherwise of the methodology.

Theft

CWh explained the current level of analysis and additional information received. They are currently considering how the information can be distorted when cases were considered in isolation and how this can be minimised in future.

GE asked if the AUGE could recommend what the required level of information is to confirm if a theft is valid to be included in the calculation. JF agreed that interpretation is not clear and suggested that it may be useful to consult with the industry regarding this.

CWh advised that they had reviewed an instance of upstream theft and identified that the transporter had billed the consumer. Their view was that this should be considered as shrinkage, though he was seeking confirmation of what should be included and when. CWa confirmed that backbilling relates to transportation and not energy costs and is allowed for under the GT licence.

GE agreed that clear guidance of code obligations is required. CWh confirmed that a request for information has been raised. CWa suggested the forthcoming SPAA theft guidelines might provide information on the calculation of energy values due to theft.

GE asked how long the AUGE is going to wait for the provision of

information. CWh advised that they will be taking the timeline forward as specified in the guidelines.

Provision of MPRNs

CWh indicated that it would be useful to receive information that includes MPRN so that they can ensure that there is no duplication in the records. While supportive of the principle, JF was concerned about the provision of such information under the existing contract and data protection provisions in UNC.

TD asked if UNCC members supported the AUGÉ having access to the requested data? Members confirmed it is desirable for the AUGÉ to have access to information as required. Xoserve and the DNs undertook to establish if there are any barriers to releasing the information, and to address them if possible.

Sites with AQ=1 etc.

Analysis is being undertaken to identify the relevance of this topic and its likely impacts. No major impacts have been identified and, should the remainder of the analysis indicate a similar position, then it will be recommended that these topics are not relevant.

Consultation Responses

CWh gave an overview of responses received and of the issues raised. Responses have been published on the Joint Office website.

Plan

A report on consumption and theft is to be published for review and comments rather than publish a 2nd draft AUGS. The 2nd Draft AUGS is to be published later in the year once the full consumption data set has been provided and analysed. A request for data is likely to be sent to Xoserve in August.

A detailed plan was provided in the presentation. The UNCC agreed to the proposed way forward.

93.5 Matters of Implementation

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

RHe advised that as soon as environments become available post exit reform, analysis for implementation will be requested to identify any potential issues.

- b) Gemini Replatforming

RHe provided an update on the replatforming exercise in terms of software and hardware upgrades. System functionality is not changing but access will be amended and this should take place around June 2013.

RHe advised that Xoserve are seeking testing participation from the industry to ensure a smooth transition. Connection point testing should take place between January to March 2013.

93.6 Any Other Business

None raised.

93.7 Next Meeting

Thursday 16 August 2012, at the ENA London, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting; teleconference facilities will be available.

Action Table 19 July 2012

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 0105	22/05/12	91.3	AUGE to provide a breakdown of data used in the unidentified gas calculation and a worked example.	AUGE (AG)	Closed