

Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting 15 September 2016

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members					Transporter Voting Members					Consumer Voting Member	Determination Sought
		AG	AM	RF (CB)	PB	SM	CW	FH	HC	RP	JF (RP)	SMo	
0594R - Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering	Not related to the Significant Code Review - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is Modification related to Significant Code Review
	Issued to Workgroup 0594R with a report presented by the January 2017 Panel - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be issued to Workgroup with a report by the January 2017 Panel
0595 - Amendment to the Arrangements between National Grid NTS and GNI at the Moffat IP to rprovide for Interruption of Virtual Reverse Flow	Not related to the Significant Code Review - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is Modification related to Significant Code Review
	Is a Self-Governance Modification - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Does Modification satisfy the Self-Governance criteria
	Issued to Workgroup 0595S with a report presented by the November 2016 Panel - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be issued to Workgroup with a report by the November Panel
0587 – Seasonal Energy Balancing Credit Cover	Proceed to Consultation - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should DMR be Issued to Consultation?
	Legal text required - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is further Legal text required for inclusion in DMR?
	Cost estimate not required - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is a cost estimate required for inclusion in DMR?
	Consultation to close out on 06 October 2016 - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should 0589S consultation end on 06 October 2016 (and FMR be taken at short notice)?

0593 - Provision of access to data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries	Legal Text requested - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Request Legal Text
0531 – Provision of an Industry User Test System	No new Issues identified - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did Consultation raise new issues?
	Implementation recommended - <i>with a majority vote in favour</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be implemented? (only votes in favour recorded)
0574 - Creating the permission to release supply point data to the Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)	No new Issues identified - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did Consultation raise new issues?
	Is not a Self-Governance Modification - <i>majority vote against</i>	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Does Modification satisfy the Self-Governance criteria
	Implementation recommended - <i>with a majority vote in favour</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	Should Modification be implemented? (only votes in favour recorded)
0589S – Inclusion of CSEP Meter Supply Points within NDM Sampling Arrangements	No new Issues identified - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did Consultation raise new issues?
	Implemented - <i>with a unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be implemented? (only votes in favour recorded)

In favour	Not in Favour	No Vote Cast	Not Present
✓	X	NV	NP

UNC Modification Panel

**Minutes of the 194th Meeting held on Thursday 15 September 2016
at Gazprom, 20 Triton Street (off Osnaburgh Street), London NW1 3BF**

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representative
A Green (AG), Total A Margan (AM), British Gas C Baldwin (CB), E.ON UK alternate for R Fairholme P Broom (PM), Engie S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution F Healy (FH), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), Scotia Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities, and alternate for J Ferguson	S Moore (SMo), Citizens Advice

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair	R Elliott (RE)

Also in Attendance:

L Jenkins (LJ), Deputy Chair; M Berrisford (MB), Secretary; C Shanley (CS), Joint Office, P Lucas (PL), National Grid NTS*, R Hinsley (RH), Xoserve; and S Britton (SB), Cornwall Energy.

** via teleconference*

Record of Discussions

The Chair noted that this would be the final meeting for P Broom and thanked him for his sterling support over the years.

194.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

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R Pomroy for J Ferguson, Northern Gas Networks

194.2 Record of Apologies for absence

R Fairholme, J Ferguson

194.3 Minutes and Actions of the Last Meeting(s)

Members approved the minutes from the previous meeting(s) (18 August & 08 September 2016).

No outstanding actions to consider.

194.4 Consider Urgent Modifications

None.

194.5 Consider New Non-Urgent Modifications

a) Request 0594R - Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering

SM introduced the Request and its aims, explaining that it is seeking to respond to CMA requirements and focuses on post Project Nexus and RAASP functionality. He went on to explain that the draft request proposal had been given an initial airing at the 25 August 2016 Distribution Workgroup meeting. To date, he has not received any industry comments.

The Chair commented that this seemed to be a good use of the Request mechanism, and should enable exploration of the issues before any modifications were proposed

PB noted that the proposals could be seen as incentivising customers to move out of Class 4, although this would be tested as part of the review.

SM explained that he anticipates that any supporting analysis would/could be provided by Xoserve in due course, although additional information could be sourced from previous SMART Metering analysis. Ultimately, the request could lead to several UNC Modifications being raised in future.

For Request 0594R, Members determined:

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review; and
- That Request 0594R be issued to Workgroup 0594R for assessment, with a report to be presented no later than the January 2017 Panel.

- b) Modification 0595 - Amendment to the Arrangements between National Grid NTS and GNI at the Moffat IP to provide for Interruption of Virtual Reverse Flow

PL introduced the Request and its aims, providing a brief explanation behind the content of the supporting presentation.

For Modification 0595, Members determined:

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are met as this modification is not expected to have a material impact on competition;
- That Modification 0595S be issued to Workgroup 0595S for assessment, with a report to be presented no later than the November 2016 Panel.

194.6 Existing Modifications for Reconsideration

None.

194.7 Consider Workgroup Issues

None.

194.8 Workgroup Reports for Consideration

- a) Modification 0587 - Seasonal Energy Balancing Credit Cover

During a brief discussion on the background to the User Pays statements, it was acknowledged that Users wishing to take advantage of the service should pay for it. LJ explained that predicting the actual costs associated with the provision remains difficult, as these are heavily dependant upon the actual take up. However, the information provided should prove sufficient for parties to make informed decisions within their respective consultation responses.

For Modification 0587, Members determined that:

- It should proceed to Consultation;
- Further legal text is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report;
- A cost estimate is not required for inclusion in the draft Modification Report; and
- Consultation should close on 06 October 2016;

194.9 Consideration of Workgroup Reporting Dates and Legal Text Requests

LJ explained that Modification 0565 (FGO) and associated documents were scheduled to be issued to consultation in November 2016 and this would be a significant amount of material to review. He suggested that it might be advantageous to defer the other Workgroup Reports due that month to avoid overloading respondents.

Members determined unanimously to extend the following Workgroup reporting date(s):

Workgroup	New Reporting Date
0570 – Obligation on Shippers to provide at least one valid meter reading per meter point into settlement once per annum	December 2016
0571 – Application of Ratchets Charges to Class 1 Supply Points Only	December 2016
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R Elliot agreed to discuss the impact of a potential delay to Modification 0570 with Ofgem colleagues.

Members determined unanimously to request Legal text for the following modification(s):

Modification
0593 – Provision of access for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries

194.10 Consideration of Variation Requests

None.

194.11 Final Modification Reports

- a) Modification 0531 - Provision of an Industry User Test System

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0531>

Members then voted and determined by majority vote to recommend implementation of Modification 0531.

- b) Modification 0574 - Creating the permission to release supply point data to the Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at:
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0574>

Members then voted and determined by majority vote to recommend implementation of Modification 0574.

- c) Modification 0589S – Inclusion of CSEP Meter Supply Points within NDM Sampling Arrangements

For Panel discussion see the Final Modification Report published at:
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Members then voted and determined by unanimous vote to implement Modification 0589S.

194.12 Any Other Business

- a) CGR3 Implementation Plan

LJ presented the CGR3 implementation plan and progress made to date, explaining that there have been no changes to the plan since the August meeting. Focus was now on the three remaining deliverables.

RP provided a brief update on the draft Modification Rules changes to implement the SCR and Self-Governance changes.

RP explained that WWU is not seeking self-governance status for the modification, but would be looking for the modification to be issued straight out to consultation in order that implementation is before the end of 2016. Industry views on the suggested approach would be welcomed.

It was agreed that there would be benefit in undertaking pre-modification discussions at the various industry Workgroups in order to provide awareness and clarity.

LJ then provided a brief update on the forward work plan outline proposals, explaining that he had committed to provide a first draft based on the content of the Gas Central Services Change Horizon and discussions with Xoserve. In essence, code administrators are looking to develop a single repository covering both electricity and gas change.

No further work had been done on the remaining item (project management) at this time.

- b) Feedback from meeting with Ofgem (UNC and CUSC Independent Chairs)

AP advised that he, along with Mike Toms (the independent Chair of CUSC), had recently met with Lesley Nugent and colleagues at Ofgem. He explained that Ofgem is keen to see the respective Panels identifying themes around which to move forward with work plans.

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Further updates in due course.

c) FGO Matters

CW provided an overview of progress to date and an update on current issues.

- Modification 0565 has been amended to reflect a pre Nexus implementation (currently 01 April 2017);
- DSC consideration to be completed soon;
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Xoserve is expected to provide more detailed charging proposals (inc. charging lines and MPRNs etc.) at the 23 September 2016 FGO Charging Workgroup meeting.

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d) Panel voting – Further Legal Text / Cost Estimates

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