

**UNC Modification Panel**

**Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday 03 April 2013 via teleconference**

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>	<b>Consumer Representative</b>
C Wright (CWr), British Gas and alternate for R Fairholme (RF), EON UK	A Raper (AR), National Grid Distribution E Melen (EM), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks	

**Non-Voting Members:**

<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Terminal Operators' Representative</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
		T Davis (TD), Joint Office

**Also in Attendance:**

A Miller (AM), Xoserve; E Thorburn (ET), Ofgem; H Comerford (HC), Utilita; R Fernie (RF), Ofgem and R Fletcher (BF) Panel Secretary

### Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting, 03 April 2013

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members		Transporter Voting Members			Determination Sought
		CWr	RF (CWr)	AR	EM	JF	
0451 - Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters	The Panel did not recommend that the modification should follow Urgent procedures with a unanimous vote against	X	X	X	X	X	Recommend to the Authority that the modification should follow Urgent procedures

In favour	No Vote Cast
✓	NV

## Record of Discussions

### 140.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Raper for C Warner (National Grid Distribution)

C Wright for R Fairholme (E.ON UK)

E Melen for A Musgrave (Scotia Gas Networks)

### 140.2 Record of Apologies for absence

A Musgrave, S Edwards, C Warner and R Fairholme.

### 140.3 Consider New, Urgent Modifications

- a) Modification 0451 - Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters.

HC introduced the modification and its aims. He explained that Urgent procedures were being requested as there is an issue of over allocation of around 15% against prepayment meter points in the winter period. PPM users typically have a flatter than average profile, and the over allocation is having a disproportionate commercial impact on their business.

AR asked about the ROM for Modification 0270 (referred to in Modification 0451), which expressed a timeline for implementation of 12 months. HC has spoken with Xoserve and their view is implementation should be possible in around 6 to 9 months.

CWr wanted to understand the date related event and/or commercial impact in more detail. HC felt that he could not provide any additional financial information due to commercial sensitivity. The impact was being incurred to an increased extent since the conclusion of the last AQ review in October 2012, which is the date related event.

There was a general discussion on whether the modification meets Ofgem's criteria for urgency and whether the suggested timetable (an Ofgem decision by the end of April) is achievable.

AM wanted clarify on whether the scope included prepayment and SMART meters. HC confirmed that both were in scope, as both types tend to have a flatter profile and as their business is predominantly prepayment related they use both types of meter.

AM clarified that the ROM for Modification 0270 was for the system functionality change but did not include costs for increases in system capacity as it would require a DCA, which would need to be funded over and above the ROM.

JF wanted to know why October 2012 was the date related event - why not a previous AQ review date, for example. HC explained that their experience was that the recently experienced over-allocation has been

having a significant impact on their business from October 2012.

Members considered that the case for urgent procedures had not been demonstrated and that further assessment and development of the modification would help to ensure a robust and appropriate solution is developed. They then determined by unanimous vote to recommend that:

- Modification 0451 should not follow urgent procedures.

**140.4 Any Other Business**

None raised

**140.5 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting**

10:30 18 April 2013, at the ENA.