

Uniform Network Code Modification Panel

Minutes of the 98th Meeting

Held on Thursday 05 August 2010

Members Present:

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

User Representatives: A Bal (Shell, also Alternate for S Rouse, Statoil), C Wright (British Gas Trading), and J Costa (EDF Energy)

Ofgem Representative: Clare Cameron

Joint Office: T Davis (Chair) and L Dupont (Deputy Secretary)

98.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

J Martin for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks), J Costa for S Leedham (EDF Energy) and A Bal for S Rouse (Statoil)

98.2 Record of apologies for absence

S Rouse, S Leedham, and A Gibson

98.3 Record of invitees to the meeting

None

98.4 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals

- a) Proposal 0315 – To Enhance Section X of the UNC Transportation Principal Document to improve the Energy Balancing Further Security Process

This proposal had been developed by the EBCC and was sponsored by Corona Energy. ST suggested that the associated changes to the Energy Balancing Credit Rules might usefully be published alongside the Modification Proposal.

RH suggested that, given difficulties with the production of legal text for other EBCC related Proposals, there might be merit in the Panel requesting legal text prior to the Proposal being issued for consultation. CC supported this and explained that Ofgem would want to see formal text as soon as possible to inform their decision. However, it was noted that Suggested Text was already included within the Proposal. TD suggested that National Grid NTS could review the Suggested Text and include any comments in a representation - that would then enable the Proposer to vary the Proposal if necessary.

The Panel then voted UNANIMOUSLY for this Proposal to be issued for consultation. The Panel did not vote for legal text to be prepared, with no votes cast in favour.

- b) Proposal 0326 – Allocation of unidentified gas following the appointment of the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGE)

Noting that there were a number of Modification Proposals associated with this issue, CC suggested an industry work group to consider this and associated proposals with a view to recommending a way forward. CW pointed out that the issue was contentious and it may prove difficult to make progress on a consensus basis. L Kerr (Scottish Power) confirmed that progress of the Proposal was not time critical and could be considered at the next full Panel meeting.

Panel Members then voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer of the Proposal.

98.5 Any Other Business

None raised.

98.6 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting is planned for 10.00 on 19 August 2010 at the ENA.