

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 19th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
15 DECEMBER 2005

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks). L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities) A Raper* (National Grid UKD) * *joined meeting at item 19.5.b*

User Representatives: P Broom (Gaz de France), S Ladle (Total Gas and Power), S Jones (Statoil) and M Young (British Gas Trading)

Ofgem Representative: S McEwen

Consumers Representatives: None

Joint Office: T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary)

19.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

S Jones for R Cross (Statoil)

19.2 Record of apologies for absence

C Sykes (EON UK)

19.3 Record invitees to meeting

M Curtis (e=mc²) and H Fisher (Energyquote)

19.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals

- a) Proposal 0052 "Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency"
Status = Implemented 2/12/2005.
- b) Proposal 0061 'Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered'
Status = Final Modification Report 1/12/2005
- c) Proposal 0062 'Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert'
Status = Final Modification Report 1/12/2005
- d) Proposal 0067 'Compensation payments to Users whose gas flows are curtailed into the system following instructions received from the NEC'
Status = Final Modification Report 1/12/2005
- e) Proposal 0071/71A "User Compensation for NEC Storage Curtailment"
Status = Proposal out for representations 15/12/2005
- f) Proposal 0072 "Gas Allocations at LNG Storage Facilities in the Event of a Network Gas Supply Emergency"
Status = Proposal out for representations 15/12/2005

19.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals.

- a) Proposal 0069 'Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at the European Interconnector sub-terminal at Bacton'
Following a presentation from R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation with N Sisman as SME. The Panel also voted UNANIMOUSLY to shorten the period for representations, so that the close out date would be set as 9/1/2006 as long as the draft Modification Report was circulated no later than 20/12/2005.

A Raper joined the meeting at this stage*

- b) Proposal 0070 'Removal of the SME Role and Streamlining the Modification Rules'
Following a presentation from R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to the Governance Workstream.

19.6 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.

None.

19.7 Consider New Proposals for Review.

None.

19.8 Consider Terms of Reference.

None.

19.9 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

- a) Distribution
- b) Transmission
- c) Governance
- i) Proposal 0053 "Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the Network Code Operations Reporting Manual referenced in Section V9.4"
The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation, with B Grubb as the SME.
- ii) Proposal 0056 "Extending established Unified Network Code governance arrangements to include the Code Credit Rules referenced in section V3.1.2"
The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation, with B Grubb as the SME.
- iii) Proposal 0059 "Extending established Unified Network Code governance arrangements to include the Network Code Validation Rules document referenced in Section M1.5.3"
The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation, with B Grubb as the SME.

- iv) Proposal 0063 'Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the GRE Invoice Query Incentive Scheme Methodology document referenced in Section S4.6'

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation, with B Grubb as the SME.

- v) Proposal 0064 'Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the CSEP Ancillary Agreement document referenced in Section J5.9'

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation, with B Grubb as the SME.

- d) Offtake Arrangements

19.10 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.

None.

19.11 Consideration of Final Modification Reports.

- a) Proposal 0060 "Publication of Information in the Maintenance Programme"

Panel Members considered the report was in the correct form and discussed whether or not to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

Panel Members considered that implementation of this Modification Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objectives' of *'the promotion of efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system'* and *'facilitating effective competition between relevant Shippers'* and voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

19.12 Any Other Business

- a) Draft Review Proposal and Terms of Reference with respect to Proposal 0044
The Panel deferred discussion until a future meeting.
- b) The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve G Frazer as a new SME.

19.13 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting.

The Panel agreed to convene on 21 December, 1.00pm, to consider making recommendations for the Final Modification Report for Proposal 0071 "User Compensation for NEC Storage Curtailment"

It was noted that the next full monthly Panel meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, on 19 January 2006.