

**UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**  
**15 MARCH 2007**

**Members Present:**

**Transporter Representatives:** C Logue (National Grid NTS), C Warner (National Grid UKD), L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities) and R Cameron-Higgs (Northern Gas Networks)

**User Representatives:** B Vest (Gaz de France), C Wright (British Gas Trading), A Jasper (BG Group) and P Bolitho (EON)

**Ofgem Representative(s):**

J Dixon

**Consumers Representative(s):**

None

**Joint Office:**

T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary)

**43.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting:**

C Logue for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities) for B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), C Wright for M Young (British Gas Trading), B Vest for P Broom (Gaz de France) and A Jasper for A Barnes (BG Group)

**43.2 Record of apologies for absence:**

R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), P Broom (Gaz de France), S Rouse & C Sykes (Statoil), A Barnes (BG Group) and M Young (British Gas Trading)

**43.3 Record invitees to meeting:**

None

**43.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals:**

**43.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals**

- a) Proposal 0135 "To extend the Scope of the RbD Auditors role"

Following a presentation from C Hill (RWE npower), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream.

- b) Proposal 0136 "Reconciliation following AQ Amendment where an SSP becomes an LSP prior to calculation of Provisional Annual Quantity"

Following a presentation from C Wright (British Gas Trading), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream.

- c) Proposal 0137 "Allocated Entry Capacity & Baseline Summary Report"  
The Panel agreed to consider this Proposal at short notice and following a presentation from B Vest (Gaz de France) on behalf of the Proposer, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to the Transmission Workstream.

#### **43.6 Consider New Proposals for Review.**

#### **43.7 Consider Terms of Reference.**

#### **43.8 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.**

#### **43.9 Consider Variation Requests**

#### **43.10 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.**

- a) Distribution
- b) Transmission

Proposal 0133 "Introduction of the AMTSEC Auction"

Following a discussion the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer making a decision until the next meeting.

Proposal 0134 "Publication of Nodal NTS Demand Forecasts"

Following a discussion, the Panel voted by Panel Majority for the Proposal to proceed to Consultation, the following Members casting votes: C Logue, C Warner, B Vest, A Jasper and P Bolitho.

The Panel also voted by Panel Majority that legal text was required, the following Members casting votes: B Vest, C Wright, A Jasper, P Bolitho, C Warner, R Cameron-Higgs and L Spierling, also proxy vote for B Grubb.

- c) Governance

#### **43.11 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.**

- a) Proposal 0126: "Restriction of Invoice Billing Period"
- b) Review Proposal 0131 "LDZ RbD Reconciliation Notification Process"

#### **43.12 Consider Final Modification Reports.**

- a) Proposal 0088 "Extension of DM Service to Enable Consumer Demand Side Management"

Following a discussion the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer making a decision until the next meeting.

b) Proposal 0121 "The Provision of Ex-Post Demand Information for all NTS Offtakes"

Panel Members considered the report was in the correct form and discussed whether or not to recommend implementation of the Proposal. They did not determine that new issues had been raised that justified seeking further views from a Workstream or Development Workgroup.

Some Members considered that implementation of the Proposal would give greater information transparency, and could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objectives' to efficiently discharge Licence obligations, "facilitate efficient and economical operation of the pipeline system" and "the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers". Others believed it may prove discriminatory, could not be expected to yield information of any great value and may even have a detrimental effect on the availability of information, and hence it could not be expected to further the relevant objectives.

The Panel then voted and three votes were cast in favour of implementation (C Logue, B Vest and A Jasper) Therefore the Panel did not recommend implementation of this Proposal.

c) Proposal 0130 "The Provision of Ex-Post Demand Information for NTS Offtakes"

Panel Members considered the report was in the correct form and discussed whether or not to recommend implementation of the Proposal. They did not determine that new issues had been raised that justified seeking further views from a Workstream or Development Workgroup.

Most Members considered that implementation of the Proposal would give greater information transparency, without compromising commercial positions, and could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objectives' to efficiently discharge Licence obligations and to "facilitate efficient and economical operation of the pipeline system" and voted by Panel Majority to recommend implementation of this Proposal. The following Members cast votes: B Vest, C Wright, A Jasper, P Bolitho, C Logue, C Warner, R Cameron-Higgs and L Spierling,

On behalf of Ofgem, Jon Dixon directed National Grid to provide legal text for Modification Proposal 0130.

The Panel was asked to vote as to which of the two Modification Proposals (0121 and 0130) best facilitated achievement of the relevant objectives. Three votes were cast in favour of 0121 (A Jasper, B Vest and C Logue) and six were cast in favour of 0130 (P Bolitho, C Wright, R Cameron-Higgs, C Warner and L Spierling, also for B Grubb). Therefore the Panel considered that Modification Proposal 0130 best facilitated the relevant objectives.

**43.13 Receive report on status of Consents.**

#### **43.14 Any Other Business**

- a) Proposal 0132 "Clarification of Supply Point Confirmation Notice Requirements for Certain Special Metering Supply Points"

The Panel noted that legal text had been provided for inclusion in the draft Modification Report.

#### **43.15 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting:**

The Panel noted that the next full monthly Panel meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, on 19 April 2007.