

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
16 JUNE 2005

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: C Warner (NGT/UKD), R Hewitt (NGT/UKT), R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks) & N Wye (Wales & West Utilities)

User Representatives: P Broom (Gaz de France), M Young (BGT), S Ladle (Total Gas & Power Ltd), C Sykes (EON UK plc) & S Parmar (Statoil).

Ofgem Representative: J Dixon & S McEwen

Consumers Representatives:

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

3.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting.

C Warner for D McLaughlin (UKD), N Wye for L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities)

3.2 Record of apologies for absence.

L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities)

3.3 Record invitees to meeting.

M Curtis of E=MC² and S Gott (Gemserv).

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve H Fisher (Energyquote) as an invitee to Panel meetings.

3.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals.

3.4(a) Proposal 018 "Transitional arrangements for the review and calculation of Annual Quantities for Gas Years 2005/6, 2006/7, 2007/8, and 2008/9"
Status = Implemented 1/06/05

3.4(b) Proposal 021 "Revision of the Emergency Cashout Arrangements"
Status = Representations close out 1/07/2005

3.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals. .

3.5(a) Proposal 022 "Revision to Section O – Removal of references to the Base Plan Assumptions Document"
Following a presentation from R Hewitt (UKT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to consultation.
The Panel voted also UNANIMOUSLY to approve P. Mills-Baker as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Reports.

- 3.5(b) Proposal 023 “Re-assessment of User Unsecured Credit Limits”
Following a presentation from C Warner/M Vallance (NGT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream with a report back to the July Panel.
- 3.5(c) Proposal 024 “Independent security provision by an entity with an Investment Grade Rating of ‘A’ or above”
Following a presentation from C Warner/M Vallance (NGT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream with a report back to the July Panel.
- 3.5(d) Proposal 025 “Notice Period for Credit Limit Downgrade and Remedies for Non-compliance”
Following a presentation from C Warner/M Vallance (NGT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream with a report back to the July Panel.
- 3.5(e) Proposal 026 “Application of Charges consistent with Late Payment of Commercial Debts (interest) Act 1998”
Following a presentation from C Warner/M Vallance (NGT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream with a report back to the July Panel.
- 3.5(f) Proposal 027 “Right of Set Off under Uniform Network Code”
Following a presentation from C Warner/M Vallance (NGT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream with a report back to the July Panel.
- 3.5(g) Proposal 028 “Third Party Undertakings”
Following a presentation from C Warner/M Vallance (NGT), the Panel voted by PANEL MAJORITY for the proposal to proceed to consultation. The following members casting votes:- C Warner, R Hewitt, R Cameron Higgs, N Wye, S Ladle, C Sykes & S Parmar.
The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve P Lucas as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Reports.

3.6 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration. None.

3.7 Consider New Proposals for Review.None.

3.8 Consider Terms of Reference. None.

3.9 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

3.9(a) Distribution

Workstream report 0005(0726) ‘Provision of a Guarantee of Pressure for Meter Points operating above 21 mbar by the Relevant Transporter’
After consideration of this report, the Panel voted by PANEL MAJORITY for the proposal to proceed to consultation. The following members casting votes:- C Warner, R Hewitt, R Cameron Higgs, B Grubb, P Broom, M Young, S Ladle, C Sykes & S Parmar.

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to extend the period for representations to 25 Business Days and approve J Pereira as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Reports.

3.9(b) Transmission

3.9(c) Governance

3.9(d) Offtake Arrangements

3.10 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.

Review Group 001 (0650) "Provision of Testing Services for Electronic Code Communications"

The Panel were informed that this group will be meeting in the afternoon after the UKLink committee.

3.11 Any Other Business.

J Dixon (Ofgem) raised the subject of a Panel recommendation within the proposed timetable for a new urgent proposal. The members agreed to convene by teleconference on 6 July at 1.00pm to consider the final Modification Report.

3.12 Conclude Modification Meeting.

The Panel agreed to convene by teleconference on 6 July at 1.00pm to consider a recommendation for final Modification Reports for Proposal 007 (0728) "Provision & Maintenance of Large Firm Supply Point Emergency Contact Information by the Gas Transporter" and 029 "Metering Arrangements at Special Metering Supply Points" and on 13 July at 1.00pm for Proposal 021 "Revision of the Emergency Cashout Arrangements"

They also noted the date and time of the next full Modification Panel meeting as 10.00hrs on Thursday 21 July 2005.