

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
18 AUGUST 2005

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: A Raper (NG/UKD), P Roberts (NG/UKT),
R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks)

User Representatives: B Vest (Gaz de France), M Young (BGT), S Islam (Total Gas
& Power Ltd) & S Jones (Statoil).

Ofgem Representative: J Dixon & S McEwen

Consumers Representatives:

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

11.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting.

P Roberts for R Hewitt (NG/UKT), R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks) for L
Spierling (Wales & West Utilities), S Jones for S Parmar (Statoil), B Vest for P Broom
(Gaz de France), M Young (BGT) for C Sykes (EON UK plc) & S Islam for S Ladle
(Total Gas & Power Ltd),

11.2 Record of apologies for absence.

R Hewitt (NG/UKT), L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities), S Parmar (Statoil),
C Sykes (EON UK plc) & P Broom (Gaz de France)

11.3 Record invitees to meeting.

M Curtis (E=MC²), S Gott Gemserv & H Fisher (Energyquote)

11.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals.

11.4 a) Proposal 021 "Revision of the Emergency Cashout Arrangements"
Status = Rejected 29/07/05

11.4 b) Proposal 036 "Limitation of Incremental Capacity offered in QSEC Auctions"
Status = Final Modification Report sent to Ofgem 08/08/2005

11.4 c) Proposal 037 "Limitation on Offering For Sale Unsold Capacity"
Status = Withdrawn 08/08/05

11.4 d) Proposal 042 "Revision of the Emergency Cashout Price"
Status = Representations Close out 22/08/06

11.4 e) Proposal 043 "Limitation on Offering for Sale Unsold Capacity"
Status = Final Modification Report sent to Ofgem 17/08/2005

11.4 f) Proposal 044 "Revised Emergency Cashout & Curtailment Arrangements"

Status = Representations Close out 22/08/06

NB There followed a general Panel discussion. regarding process and timetabling issues for the recent Urgent Modification Proposals relating to cash out and capacity auctions. Concern was expressed that timescales for consultation had been very short for what are very important issues, especially when they are not new and have been known about for some time.
There was also concern that the Long Term Capacity regime could be undermined by such uncertainty.

11.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals.

11.5(a) Proposal 045 "Provision of Available Interruption Information"

Following a presentation from P Roberts (NG/UKT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to consultation.

The Panel voted also UNANIMOUSLY to approve D Hawkin as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Reports.

11.5b) Proposal 046 "Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points"

Following a presentation from P Roberts (NG/UKT), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to consultation.

The Panel voted also UNANIMOUSLY to approve D Harrison as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Reports.

11.6 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.

11.6 a) Proposal 0727 "3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals"

The Panel agreed, in light of Ofgem's decision to defer making a decision until next year, that the proposal should not be reconsidered until the April 2006 Panel meeting.

11.6 b) Proposal 011 (0736) "Reintroduction of Constrained Top-up"

Following a discussion the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer making a decision until the 15 September Panel meeting.

11.7 Consider New Proposals for Review.

None.

11.8 Consider Terms of Reference.

None.

11.9 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

11.9(a) Distribution

11.9b) Transmission

Proposal 035 "Revisions to Section Q to Facilitate the Revised NEC Safety Case"

Following consideration of the Workstream report, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed to consultation. The Panel voted also UNANIMOUSLY to approve L McGoldrick as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Reports.

11.9c) Governance

The Workstream report contained a recommendation that a proforma based on the headings already incorporated in Modification Reports, should be instituted as a recommended, but not mandatory, format for submitting representations. The Panel discussed the merits and agreed with this proposal.

11.9d) Offtake Arrangements

11.10 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.

None.

11.12 Consideration of Final Modification Reports.

Proposal 022 "Revision to Section O – Removal of references to the Base Plan Assumptions Document"

The Panel considered that this Modification Proposal furthers the GT Licence 'code relevant objectives' of "the efficient discharge by the licensee of its licence obligations" ' and "promote the efficient implementation and administration of the UNC" and voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal

11.13 Any Other Business.

11.13a) There was a discussion around the timing and business content of extraordinary Panel Meetings and it was agreed that as a general rule they should be kept solely for the consideration of Final Modification Reports and the making of recommendations for implementation. However it was noted that the Panel had it within its own remit to refer other business to such meetings.

11.13b) S Islam requested that as these meetings were frequently held with all or some of the members joining by teleconference that the same opportunity be given to members for normal business monthly Panel meetings.

11.14 Conclude Modification Meeting.

The Panel agreed to convene on 1 September at 1.00pm. to consider a recommendation for final Modification Reports for Proposal 042 "Revision of the Emergency Cash-out price" and Proposal 044 "Revised Emergency Cash-out & Curtailment Arrangements"

They also noted the date and time of the next full Modification Panel meeting as 10.00hrs on Thursday 15 September 2005.