

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 55th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
18 OCTOBER 2007

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), C Warner (National Grid UKD), L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities), R Cameron-Higgs (Northern Gas Networks and B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks).

User Representatives: S Leedham (EdF Energy), P Broom (Gaz de France), C Wright (British Gas Trading) and R Fairholme (EON).

Ofgem Representative(s):

J Dixon

Consumers' Representative(s):

None

Joint Office:

T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski Secretary)

55.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting:

C Wright (British Gas Trading) for A Barnes (BG Group).

55.2 Record of apologies for absence:

A Barnes (BG Group).

55.3 Record invitees to meeting:

None

55.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals:

None

55.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals

- a) Proposal 0171: "Amendment of "User SP Aggregate Reconciliation Proportion to Incorporate Historical AQ Proportions"

Following a request from C Hill (RWE npower), the Panel voted by Panel Majority to defer making a decision until the next full meeting to allow clarification of the Proposal.

- b) Proposal 0179: "Requirement for Non-Effective Days for the Purposes of the UK Link Technology Refresh (UKLTR) Project"

Following a presentation from L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities) and a discussion, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer making a decision until the next full meeting to allow clarification of the Proposal.

- c) Proposal 0180: "Replacement of file formats contained within Annex A Part 7 of the LDZ CSEP NExA"

Following a presentation from C Warner (National Grid UKD), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Consultation. They did not determine that legal text was required, with no votes cast in favour.

55.6 Consider New Proposals for Review.

- a) Proposal 0176: "Review of NDM Profile Allocation Parameters"

Following a presentation from R Fairholme (EON) and a short discussion, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Review.

- b) Proposal 0177: "Rolling AQ Review"

Following a presentation from R Fairholme (EON) and a short discussion, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Review.

- c) Proposal 0178: "Reclassification of SSP to Domestic only"

Following a presentation from R Fairholme (EON) and a short discussion, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Review.

55.7 Consider Terms of Reference.

None

55.8 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.

R Fairholme asked why the Joint Office had not issued a Non-Implementation Notice for Proposal 0116V "Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements".

T Davis explained, and J Dixon confirmed, that as yet only a Direction to implement had been received from Ofgem.

55.9 Consider Variation Requests

- a) Proposal 0165 "Change to Measurement Provisions Change Process"
Following a discussion the Panel did not determine that the Variation Request was immaterial. Therefore Modification Proposal 0165 was deemed withdrawn and replaced by Modification Proposal 165V "Change to Measurement Provisions Change Process"

The Panel then voted UNANIMOUSLY for the varied Proposal to proceed to Consultation. They did not determine that legal text was required, with no votes cast in favour.

55.10 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

- a) Distribution
- b) Transmission
- c) Governance

- d) Offtake

55.11 Consider Review Group Reports.

- a) Proposal 0131 “LDZ RbD Reconciliation Notification Process

Following a discussion the Panel voted by Panel Majority to defer making a decision until the next full meeting as some Members did not have the correct document, the following Members casting votes: C Wright (also proxy vote for A Barnes), P Broom, R Fairholme, L Spierling, R Hewitt, C Warner, R Cameron-Higgs and B Grubb.

- b) Proposal 0140 “Review of Information Provision on National Grids Information Exchange”

Review Group Report accepted.

55.12 Consider Final Modification Reports.

- a) Proposal 0173 “Obligations to process data received from iGTs in line with requirements within Annex A of the CSEP NExA”

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.

Members considered that implementation of the Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence ‘code relevant objectives of *“the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers”* and *“the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the code”*. The Panel then voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

- b) Proposal 0174: “Revised Tender Timescale for DN Interruption Arrangements”

The Panel discussed considering this item at short notice and then voted by Panel Majority to do so, the following Members casting votes: C Wright, P Broom, R Fairholme, L Spierling, R Hewitt, C Warner, R Cameron-Higgs and B Grubb. (C Wright explained that, in light of the short notice, he had not received instructions and would not be voting on behalf of A Barnes with respect to this Proposal.)

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.

Members considered that implementation of the Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence ‘code relevant objectives of *“the economic and efficient operation of the pipeline system”* and *“the efficient discharge of the licensee’s obligations”*. The Panel then voted by Panel Majority to recommend implementation of the Proposal, the following Members casting votes: C Wright, P Broom, R Fairholme, L Spierling, R Hewitt, C Warner,

R Cameron-Higgs and B Grubb. S Leedham indicated that he wished to abstain since he had not received notice that the Proposal was to be discussed.

55.13 Receive report on status of Consents.

T Davis reported that C018 had been approved.

55.14 Any Other Business

55.15 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting:

The Panel noted that the next Panel meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350, Euston Road, on 15 November 2007.