UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2007

Members Present:

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

User Representatives: P Broom (Gaz de France), C Wright (British Gas Trading), C Sykes (Statoil) and R Fairholme (EON)

Ofgem Representative(s):

J Dixon

Consumers Representative(s):

None

Joint Office:

T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary)

44.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting:

C Wright for M Young (British Gas Trading), R Fairholme for P Bolitho (EON) and C Sykes (Statoil) for S Rouse (Statoil) and A Barnes (BG Group)

44.2 Record of apologies for absence:

S Rouse (Statoil), A Barnes (BG Group), P Bolitho (EON) and M Young (British Gas Trading)

44.3 Record invitees to meeting:

None

44.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals:

a) Proposal 0138: "Transitional Arrangements for Entry Capacity Transfers to Sold Out ASEPs"

Status = Panel to consider recommendation 24/04/2007

b) Proposal 0142: "Extension of the Current Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points"

Status = Reps close-out 03/05/2007

44.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals

a) Proposal 0139 "Amendments to UNC TPD OCS Process and Long Term Allocation of Capacity in the Transitional Period"

Following a presentation from B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks) the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Consultation with a shortened period of ten (10) days. They did not determine that legal text was required, with no votes cast in favour.

b) Proposal 0141 "Revision to the 'User Suppressed Reconciliation Values' Financial Incentives arrangements"

The Panel agreed to consider this Proposal at short notice and following a presentation from C Wright (British Gas Trading), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to the Distribution Workstream.

44.6 Consider New Proposals for Review.

a) Proposal 0140 "Review of Information Provision on National Grids Information Exchange"

Following a presentation from R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and a short discussion, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Review.

44.7 Consider Terms of Reference.

a) Proposal 0140 "Review of Information Provision on National Grids Information Exchange"

The Panel UNANIMOUSLY approved the Terms of Reference.

44.8 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.

44.9 Consider Variation Requests

44.10 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

a) Distribution

Proposal 0115 "Correct Apportionment of NDM Error"

Following a discussion 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.

b) Transmission

Proposal 0133 "Introduction of the AMTSEC Auction"

Following a discussion the Panel failed to determine that the Proposal proceed to Consultation, therefore it will be referred back to the Workstream.

The following Members cast votes:- R Hewitt, R Cameron-Higgs and C Wright.

- c) Governance
- d) Offtake Arrangements

Following a discussion the Panel approved the reconvening of this Workstream

44.11 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.

- a) Proposal 0126, "Restriction of Invoice Billing Period"
- b) Review Proposal 0131 "LDZ RbD Reconciliation Notification Process The Panel UNANIMOUSLY approved an extension for the Review Group to report until August.

44.12 Consider Final Modification Reports.

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

Following a discussion the Panel determined that new issues had been raised that justified seeking further views from a Workstream or Development Workgroup and voted UNANIMOUSLY to refer the Proposal to an extraordinary meeting of the Distribution Workstream.

b) Proposal 0132 "Clarification of Supply Point Confirmation Notice Requirements for Certain Special Metering Supply Points" 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. Members considered that implementation of the Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objective "the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers". and voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

44.13 Receive report on status of Consents.

44.14 Any Other Business

a) Proposal 0134 "Publication of Nodal NTS Demand Forecasts"

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

43.15 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting:

The Panel noted that the next Panel meeting is due to be held by teleconference on 24 April 2007, with a full monthly Panel meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, on 17 May 2007.