

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 57th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
20 DECEMBER 2007

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: C Logue (National Grid NTS) but not present for Proposals 0172 and 0157, C Warner (National Grid UKD), L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities) but not present for Proposals 0183 and 0189, R Cameron-Higgs (Northern Gas Networks) but not present for Proposal 0183.

User Representatives: S Leedham (EDF Energy), P Broom (Gaz de France) but not present for Proposal 0171, C Wright (British Gas Trading), R Fairholme (EON UK) and A Barnes (BG Group).

Ofgem Representative(s):

J Dixon

Consumers' Representative(s):

None

Joint Office:

T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary)

57.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting:

C Logue for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and C Warner (National Grid UKD) for B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks)

57.2 Record of apologies for absence:

R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks)

57.3 Record invitees to meeting:

C Temperley (Gas Forum)

57.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals:

- a) Proposal 0181 "Scheduling Charges Calculation for Gas Flow Days 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 October 2007"
Status = Rejected 20/11/2007

57.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals

- a) Proposal 0183: "Provision of Data in respect of downstream networks by the iGT directly connected to the Distribution Network "

Following a presentation from C Warner (National Grid UKD), those Panel Members present 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) Proposal 0184: “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), 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.

- c) Proposal 0185: “Meter Error Notification Process”

Following a presentation from S Leedham (EDF Energy), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- d) Proposal 0186: “Provision of Cost Information”

Following a presentation from C Hill (RWE npower), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- e) Proposal 0187: “Alterations to the RMSEC Auction to Accommodate Transfer and Trade of Capacity between ASEPs”

Following a presentation from C Logue (National Grid NTS), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- f) Proposal 0188: “Introduction into the UNC of the Agency Charging Statement (User Pays)”

Following a presentation from C Warner (National Grid UKD), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- g) Proposal 0189: “Amendment to the QSEC Auction Timetable”

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

57.6 Consider New Proposals for Review.

None

57.7 Consider Terms of Reference.

None

57.8 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.

The Panel noted that, with Ofgem’s approval, the Implementation Notice with respect to Modification 0116V, “Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements”, had been withdrawn and all references to the legal text associated with this Proposal have been removed from the Uniform Network Code.

57.9 Consider Variation Requests.

None

57.10 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

a) Distribution

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

Following a discussion, those Panel Members present voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Consultation. They then voted by Panel Majority for an extended period for representations of twenty (20) days, the following Members casting votes; C Logue, C Warner, L Spierling, R Cameron-Higgs, S Leedham, C Wright, R Fairholme and A Barnes. They did not determine that legal text was required, with no votes cast in favour.

Proposal 0172: "Transporter Obligations Pertaining to Void and Vacant Sites"

Following a discussion, those Panel Members present 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 0182: "Information Provision at LNG Importation Facilities"

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.

c) Governance

d) Offtake

57.11 Consider Review Group Reports.

a) Proposal 0157: "Review of iGT Settlement and Reconciliation Arrangements"

Following a request, those Panel Members present voted UNANIMOUSLY to extend the time for the Review Group to report until April 2008.

b) Proposal 0166: "Review of necessary reform of NTS Offtake Arrangements"

Following a request to consider the Review Group Report at short notice, the Panel failed to determine this, the following Members casting votes; P Broom, S Leedham, C Wright, R Fairholme and A Barnes.

57.12 Consider Final Modification Reports.

a) Proposal 0165V: "Change to Measurement provisions Change Process"

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 network code and/or the uniform network code"* and voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

- b) Proposal 0180V: "Replacement of file formats contained within Annex A Part 7 of the LDZ 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 objective' *"the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the network code and/or the uniform network code"* and voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

57.13 Receive report on status of Consents.

Implementation of recent Consents to Modify the UNC was noted.

57.14 Any Other Business

None.

57.15 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting:

The Panel noted that the next meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350, Euston Road, on 17 January 2008.