

**UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL**

**MINUTES OF THE 76<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 02 APRIL 2009**

**Members Present:**

**Transporter Representatives:** M Watson (National Grid NTS), S Sherwood (Scotia Gas Networks), C Warner (National Grid Distribution), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) and S Trivella (Wales & West Utilities),

**User Representatives:** A Bal (Shell), C Wright (British Gas Trading), R Fairholme (E.ON UK) and P Broom (GDF Suez)

**Terminal Operators Representative:**

R Monroe (Centrica Storage)

**Ofgem Representative(s):**

J Dixon

**Joint Office:**

T Davis (Chairman) and J Bradley (Secretary)

**76.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

M Watson for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and S Sherwood for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks).

**76.2 Record of apologies for absence**

R Hewitt, A Gibson and A Barnes

**76.3 Record invitees to meeting**

None

**76.4 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals**

Proposal 0247: "Alignment of Interruption Application Rules for Annual and Ad-Hoc"

Following a presentation from J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) and 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. They also determined UNANIMOUSLY that consultation should close-out on 09 April 2009.

**76.5 Consider Workstream Report**

Proposal 0244: "Amending DM Supply Point Data for Sites with Significant Changes in Usage"

The Panel discussed the Workstream Report. It was clarified that NTS Supply Points were not included and the proposer indicated the reasons for this. 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. On behalf of Ofgem, J Dixon requested that the Transporters produce legal text.

The Panel determined UNANIMOUSLY that consultation should close-out on 24 April 2009 and a Panel Meeting to consider the Final Modification Report be arranged for 13.00 on 30 April 2009.

## **76.6 Consider Final Modification Report**

Proposal 0233V: “Changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Indebtedness”

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 Work Group.

Members considered that, by reducing the risk to Users from a User incurring large imbalances and then defaulting, implementation could be expected to allocate costs more appropriately and so further the GT Licence ‘code relevant objective’ of *“the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers”*.

The Panel then voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal,

## **76.7 Any Other Business**

S Trivella raised a concern about the frequency of items being considered by the Panel at short notice. It was accepted that taking items at short notice was a pragmatic response by Panel Members to ensure business was not unduly delayed, but that all should be encouraged to ensure that finalised items for consideration are published five business days ahead of Panel meetings.

## **76.8 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 16 April 2009.