

**UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**  
**7 FEBRUARY 2008**

**Members Present:**

**Transporter Representatives:** B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), A Raper (National Grid UKD), A Pearson (Northern Gas Networks) and L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities).

**User Representatives:** R Fairholme (E.ON UK), S Leedham (EDF Energy), P Broom (Gaz de France), A Barnes (BG) and M Young (British Gas Trading)

**Ofgem Representative:** J Dixon

**Consumers Representatives:** None

**Joint Office:** T Davis (Chairman) and J Bradley (Secretary)

**59.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting.**

M Young (British Gas Trading) for C Wright, A Raper (National Grid UKD) for C Warner, A Pearson (Northern Gas Networks) for R Cameron-Higgs.

**59.2 Record of apologies for absence.**

C Wright (British Gas Trading), C Warner (National Grid UKD) and R Cameron-Higgs (Northern Gas Networks)

**59.3 Record invitees to meeting.**

C Temperley (Gas Forum)

**59.4 Consider New Non-Urgent Modification Proposals.**

- a) Proposal 0196 "Alterations to shipper penalties for end user failure to interrupt"

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- b) Proposal 0197 "Increasing User Incentives for the Investigation and Detection of Theft through the Reasonable Endeavours Regime"

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- c) Proposal 0198 "Extension of the Current Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points"

Following a presentation from R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), three minor amendments were agreed by the Proposer to clarify that this Proposal, if implemented, would not apply to DN Supply Points. The Panel then voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to Consultation. It did not determine that legal text was required with no votes cast in favour.

- d) Proposal 0199 "Clarification around the application of the UNC Dispute Resolution Process"

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

- e) Proposal 0200 “Introduction of a Date Tolerance to Facilitate the Processing of Individual Meter Point Reconciliation at LDZ CSEPs”

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this Proposal.

#### **59.5 Consider Variation Requests.**

- a) Proposal 0191 “Discontinuance of Code Credit Rules”

Following a presentation from L Spierling (Wales & West Utilities), Members voted UNANIMOUSLY that the variation request was immaterial. Therefore Modification Proposal 0191 was deemed withdrawn and replaced by Modification Proposal 0191V “Discontinuance of Code Credit Rules ” which is to continue forward from the same point in the process.

#### **59.6 Consider Final Modification Reports.**

- a) Proposal 0171/0171A “Amendment of “User SP Aggregate Reconciliation Proportion” to incorporate historical AQ Proportions”

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this report.

- b) Proposal 0172 “Transporter Obligations Pertaining to Void and Vacant Sites”

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this report.

- c) Proposal 0182 “Information Provision at LNG Importation Facilities”

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this report.

- d) Proposal 0183 “Provision of Data in respect of downstream networks by the iGT directly connected to the Distribution Network”

The Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer consideration of this report.

- e) Proposal 0184 “Requirement for Partial Non-Business Days for the Purposes of the UK Link Technology Refresh (UKLTR) Project”

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 coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters” 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.

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

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.

Some Members considered that implementation of the Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objectives' of "the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates", "the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under this licence" and "the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers". Other Members indicated that they had no view on whether or not implementation would be expected to facilitate the achievement of the code relevant objectives.

The Panel then proceeded to a vote on the Modification Proposal. The following Members cast votes to recommend implementation of the Proposal: R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), A Raper (National Grid UKD), L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities), R Fairholme (E.ON UK), S Leedham (EDF Energy), P Broom (Gaz de France), A Barnes (BG) and M Young (British Gas Trading). Therefore the Panel voted to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

#### **59.5 Any Other Business.**

None

#### **59.6 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting.**

The Panel noted that the next full monthly Panel meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, on 21 February 2008.