

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 144th Meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016
Elxon 350 Euston Road London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Love (AL), ScottishPower A Margan (AM), British Gas R Fairholme (RF), Unipur S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom and alternate for A Green	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution D Mitchell (DM), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks M Hatch (MH), National Grid NTS R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair		

Also in Attendance:

H Chapman (HC), Xoserve; K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office; N Pitts (NP), National Grid NTS; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary and R Wigginton (RW), Wales & West Utilities.

* by teleconference

144.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Love (ScottishPower) for P Broom (Engie)
D Mitchell for A Musgrave (Scotia Gas Networks)
M Hatch for F Healey (National Grid NTS)
S Mulinganie (Gazprom) for A Green (Total)

144.2 Apologies for Absence

A Green
D Mitchell
F Healey
P Broom

144.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from the 21 January meeting were approved.

UNCC 0101: RP to discuss directly with the proposer of 0506V to get a better understanding of establishment principles for the PAC and PAFA.

Update: See discussion for 144.1 item b). **Carried Forward**

144.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) New AUGE arrangements under Modification 0473

AP advised that FC had provided a written update about progress to date for the AUGE selection process. Tender documents were received at the end of January and were being progressed that a further update would be provided at the March meeting. The AUGE appointment is progressing in line with the current plan.

AP advised that an additional report is to be provided at the March meeting which will be to request that the UNCC agree to roll over the current AUG Table and values or agree alternative values. LJ highlighted this would require a vote and a briefing paper would be provided prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that the current table would be rolled over if an alternative table were not provided.

SM asked if a different table and values were being proposed? HC confirmed no new values were to be provided, however members could offer these if they wished too.

AL asked if this activity would fall under the table refresh contemplated by Ofgem. SM advised that the table refresh proposed by Ofgem is related to the table established by Modification 0473 and not the current AUG arrangements.

b) Modification 0506V - Gas Performance Assurance Framework and Governance Arrangements

RP requested additional time to confirm the PAC Terms of Reference to ensure they comply with UNC and guidelines requirements. AL asked if this was adding delay to the

appoint process for PAC which was required asap to support the appointment of the PAFA.

Noting comments in the previous minutes, AL was concerned and disappointed that Transporters have chosen Xoserve to run the PAFA appointment process and not use another organisation for this role as appeared to be envisaged in the Ofgem decision letter. RP advised that Transporters would be following the process set out in the guidelines, however this does not prescribe an appointment body and as Modification 0506V is User Pays, the only way they can recover these costs is if Xoserve incur the costs.

HC confirmed that as a consequence of conducting the tendering exercise, Xoserve would be precluded from responding with a proposal to provide PAFA services. This has been raised and noted throughout the development workgroups of Modification 0506V.

c) Energy Balancing Credit Rules

BF provided an overview of the EBCC report. AP expressed his concerns that the changes made to the EBCR whilst the modification was in flight had created a degree of confusion. The apparent dual governance process had also drawn into question whether Modification 0569S could be implemented as the proposer had intended.

It was suggested that National NTS put in place a process with the EBCC that due consideration of changes to the EBCR should include in flight modifications as a relevant consideration. Where changes were not truly urgent, then they should be coordinated in line with the modification process (as the “senior process”) to ensure the process is not confused.

In addition National Grid NTS is asked to clarify the EBCR to ensure the intent of Modification 0569S can be implemented.

New Action UNCC0201: National Grid NTS to consider how changes to the EBCR are coordinated with changes proposed by a UNC modification.

New Action UNCC0202: National Grid NTS is asked to clarify the EBCR to ensure the intent of Modification 0569S can be implemented.

d) Recommendation not to undertake the RbD Audit for 2016/17

BF advised that members of the RbD subcommittee had unanimously recommended that the audit for 2016/17 should not be undertaken.

Members voted unanimously to suspend the RbD audit for 2016/17.

e) Subcommittee Reports

Members agreed to continue with this method of presentation on a quarterly basis.

144.5 Any Other Business

a) Workgroup 0565 meetings

SM was concerned that the proposed informal meeting to discuss the legal text structure for Modification 0565 was in reality a formal meeting in all but name and was much more involved than was anticipated. He was concerned that any future meetings of this nature should be formal meetings and managed by the Joint Office.

BF advised that his recollection at the previous Workgroup 0565 meeting was that Transporters had offered to hold an informal meeting to discuss the legal text structure which was open to interested parties and that this was not planned as a Joint Office meeting, although they had issued a number of emails on behalf of Transporters which may have caused some confusion.

CW advised that he would be requesting the Joint Office to arrange more frequent meetings for Modification 0565 once the workplan had been provided and agreed.

144.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 17 March 2016, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (18 February 2016)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 0101	21/01/16	143.4	RP to discuss directly with the proposer of 0506V to get a better understanding of establishment principles for the PAC and PAFA.	Wales & West Utilities (RP)	Carried Forward
UNCC 0201	18/02/16	144.4 c	MH to consider how changes to the EBCR are coordinated with changes proposed by a UNC modification.	National Grid NTS (MH)	Pending
UNCC 0202	18/02/16	144.4 c	MH is asked to clarify the EBCR to ensure the intent of Modification 0569S can be implemented.	National Grid NTS (MH)	Pending