

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
16 FEBRUARY 2006

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks) who also had a proxy vote for B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), A Raper (National Grid UKD), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities) via teleconference.

User Representatives: C Sykes (EON UK), P Broom (Gaz de France), S Rouse (Statoil), M Young (British Gas Trading) and S Ladle (Total Gas and Power).

Ofgem Representative: S McEwen.

Consumers Representatives: None.

Joint Office: T Davis (Chairman) and M Berrisford (Secretary).

23.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

S Rouse for R Cross (Statoil) and R Cameron Higgs for B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks).

23.2 Record of apologies for absence

R Cross (Statoil) and B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks).

23.3 Record invitees to meeting

H Fisher (Energyquote), G Collins (Cornwall Energy Associates) & M Curtis ($e=mc^2$).

23.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals

None.

23.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals.

- a) Proposal 0074 "Clarification of requirement for flows at DN Offtakes on low demand days"
Following a presentation from A Raper (National Grid UKD), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the proposal to proceed direct to consultation. The Panel also voted UNANIMOUSLY to shorten the period for representations to 10 business days. The Panel thereafter voted UNANIMOUSLY for the appointment of John Pereira as the Subject Matter Expert (SME).

23.6 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.

- a) Proposal 0005 (0726) "Provision of a Guarantee of Pressure for Meter Points Operating above 21 mbar by the Relevant Transporter"

Following discussion, and in light of the Ofgem response letter issued on 15 February 2006, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer reconsideration (in accordance with Rule 9.7.2(c)) for 1 Month.

23.7 Consider New Proposals for Review.

None.

23.8 Consider Terms of Reference.

None.

23.9 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.

- a) Distribution
- b) Transmission

0073 "Revision to the Notice Period regarding the implementation of changes to Transportation Charges"

Following discussion the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for this modification to proceed to consultation. The members then voted UNANIMOUSLY for the modification to proceed without the provision of legal text. The Panel also voted UNANIMOUSLY to shorten the period for representations to 10 business days. The Panel thereafter voted UNANIMOUSLY for the appointment of David Chalmers as the Subject Matter Expert (SME).

- c) Governance

0070 'Removal of the SME Role and Streamlining the Modification Rules'

Following discussion the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for a 2 month extension, and therefore the Workstream is to report back to the 20 April 2006 Panel meeting.

- d) Offtake Arrangements

23.10 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.

None.

23.11 Consideration of Final Modification Reports.

None.

23.12 Any Other Business

- a) Draft Review Proposal and Terms of Reference with respect to Proposal 0044
The Panel deferred discussion until a future meeting.

23.13 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 16 March 2006.