

UNC Workgroup 0623 Minutes
Governance Arrangements for Alternatives to Self-Governance
Modification Proposals
Monday 21 August 2017
At Lansdowne Gate, (Xoserve) 65 New Road, Soihull, B91 3DL

Attendees

Andrew Margan*	(AMa)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Angela Love	(AL)	ScottishPower
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Claire Towler*	(CT)	SSE
Debbie Brace*	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	SGN
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/06230/210817>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 December 2017.

1.0 Outline of Modification

RP introduced the modification and explained that this modification had been raised due to the change in the Self-Governance process. He said this was specifically related to Alternates being raised and how Panel should manage the situations where there were deadlock decisions concerning implementation or non implementation of the modifications and its alternates.

RP noted that there was currently no reference in the Licence to make sure that modifications which were raised were subsequently implemented, this he felt allowed a situation where a modification and/or its alternate could be rejected by Panel – there are examples currently where the authority has rejected a modification and alternate, although this is quite rare perhaps one example per year. He also said that it might be advisable for Panel to have an option to send the modification back to Workgroup in the situation of a ‘deadlock’ rather than reject or fail to achieve an implementation decision.

AMa stated the UNC was the only Industry Code that would not allow the Appeal process where the modification(s) were rejected for implementation, which would help address this situation and he said that all the modifications needed to be treated with the high level of governance throughout the process, which HC also agreed with. AMa said that he felt it would be beneficial to investigate how Self-Governance rejections were addressed in other Industry Codes and said he would take this as an action.

RP asked for views on the approach to mixed governance modifications and alternates, where one was considered suitable for authority direction and the other for Self-Governance. It was felt that both modifications should follow the same governance process as the Panel should

not be in a position to implement a modification prior to the authority considering the other modification.

New Action 0801: British Gas (AMa) to investigate how Self-Governance rejections are managed within other Codes and provide examples of these.

RP said this modification had been raised to speed up the overall process as he was aware in the example of Modification 0609 which took a long time and then was not eventually implemented.

A lengthy general discussion took place surrounding the current modification process including the present Panel Voting Process and RP said he was not proposing any changes to the existing Voting process at all.

RP said in summary that the main areas for further discussion in the forthcoming Workgroup meetings were as follows: Clarification of mixed governance modifications (Authority direction and Self Governance), Self-Governance and Alternate deadlock scenarios and proposals, Voting in the event of a tie, and the Appeal process and Appeal Criteria.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

The standard UNC Workgroup Terms of Reference will apply and is available at <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods>

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that the next meeting would be held via a Teleconference on Friday 29 September 2017 at 10.00am where the Workgroup would further develop this modification.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
Friday 29 September 2017 10.00am	Teleconference	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Governance Rejections process in other Codes • Amended Modification • Review of Impacts and Costs • Review of Relevant Objectives • Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts • Consideration of Legal Text

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Workgroup Report
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Action Table (as at 21 August 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0801	21/08/17	1.0	British Gas (AMa) to investigate how Self-Governance rejections are managed within other Codes and provide examples of these.	British Gas (AMa)	Pending