

UNC 0625 Workgroup Minutes
Extension of 6 months to 12 months to transfer non-mandatory sites
from Class 1

Thursday 28 September 2017

at The Arden Hotel and Leisure Club, Coventry Road, Solihull, B92
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Attendees

Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Angela Love*	(AL)	ScottishPower
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Carl Whitehouse	(CW)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Claire Towler	(CT)	SSE
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	SGN
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Kully Jones	(KJ)	Joint Office
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Penny Garner	(PG)	Joint Office
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales and West Utilities
Sam Argent*	(SA)	Good Energy
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Energy

* *via teleconference*

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The UNC Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 October 2017

1.0 Review of Minutes from (24 August 2017)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

GE explained the modification had now been amended following the discussions in the previous Workgroup Meeting, regarding the extension period being changed from 6 months down to 4 months, which would mean this overall transition would be moved forward to end by April 2018.

A lengthy and protracted discussion took place regarding this matter, AL stating that she was not comfortable with this new timeline or any extension, as the UIG issue created for other

Classes, by sites which should be moved out of Class 1 into another Class with appropriate UIG allocation. MJ supported this view as the Nexus systems were well understood and any issues associated with transition should not be passed on to other Shippers.

RH then talked through the DM Data Table of AQ's and AL said she was presently under going her own analysis regarding the AQ's and volumes against the factors of UIG and that there were significant variations. AL confirmed she would provide more detail regarding this specific analysis that could then be used to inform the consultation process. GE reiterated, that he was not prepared to amend or change the modification itself regarding the UIG area and said that AL should speak directly to the AUGE regarding these variations to UIG as he did see this was a material issue as it was transitional by its nature.

BF explained the Workgroup Report regarding the extension until April 2018 had already been updated and the date change was also included within the Suggested Legal Text.

3.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

BF posed the question that this modification would have a material change, but that this would only be through any transition and hence, what were the views of the Workgroup regarding materiality, together with the need for an Ofgem decision.

RP said that at Panel he had voted against it being material, as he wanted evidence and data to prove the materiality. AL said she would supply this data at the next meeting. BF said he believed that the view of those present was that this modification would have a high impact on the Shipper community, but that this would not impact on the Transporters to the same degree. A lengthy and protracted discussion took place surrounding the overall materiality topic, AL and MJ both had similar views regarding the materiality and the potential impacts, while GE refuted their opinions, and stated that there would be no materiality impact as it was a transitional solution.

BF moved through the Workgroup Report making the necessary amendments and alterations as directed by the Workgroup, specifically in relation to the Impact Assessment section, making mention of points that needed to be considered.

BF stated that the Suggested Legal Text had been amended and HC confirmed that she would send an email confirming that the Suggested Legal Text was to be adopted and to provide Commentary to that effect.

4.0 Review Outstanding Actions

None.

5.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that the Workgroup Report would be completed and submitted to the October Panel with the recommendation that it should be submitted for consultation. He said that any further data analysis and supporting documentation regarding the materiality, should be provided through representations.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.