UNC 0641S Workgroup Minutes

Amendments to Modification 0431 - Shipper/Transporter - Meter Point Portfolio Reconciliation rules and obligations

Monday 25 January 2018

at Xoserve, Lansdowne Gate, 65 New Road, Solihull, B91 3DL

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Andrew Margan	(AM)	Centrica
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse	(CWh)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(Cwa)	Cadent
Claire Towler	(CT)	SSE
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Debbie Brace	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans*	(GE)	WatersWye
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	(E.ON)
Lorna Lewin*	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Nicky Rozier*	(NR)	BUUK
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales and West Utilities
Rowan Hazell*	(RH)	Cornwall Insight
Shane Preston	(SP)	ScottishPower
Shanna Key	(SK)	Northern Gas Network
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales and West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie*	(SMu)	Gazprom
Tahera Choudhury	(TC)	Xoserve
*via teleconference		

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 February 21018.

1. Introduction and Status Review

2. 1.1 Approval of Minutes (05 January 2018)

The minutes were formally approved.

3. Consideration of Legal Text

BF explained that the Legal Text had only just been requested and AC confirmed it was not due until 08 February 2018.

CWa said with regards to the modification itself and the Legal Text production had raised a number of questions in the way the CDSP was referenced and he felt it was un-doing the Funding Governance and Ownership (FGO) work in terms of giving the CDSP obligations to undertake activities and provide services to the industry. He added that he felt Ofgem would also have concerns about this aspect too.

AC noted that there were issues with the Legal Text specifically regarding G2.12, 2.13 and 2. 14 in the UNC Code, including the references to the CDSP. AMa said that all the references to the CDSP had been changed back to Transporter. RP said this would have to be discussed internally and he added that the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) would also have to provide their view on this matter.

4. Development and Completion of Workgroup Report

DM questioned the rationale behind the 90 Business Days Notice period, as he felt this was quite excessive. AMa explained it that it would not take place every year, but the 90 days were needed in order to recruit a team. He further explained that a bid would have to submitted for the extra cost, then recruit the individuals, train them and ensure they were able to perform correctly, he added that he had only allowed one week of training within that 3 month timeline. DA said from an Xoserve perspective, then if they took it back to July, they would be working from November 2017 onwards. TC added that it would be later than July, from the Business Days of 50-70 and the notification would be sent out in the normal Communications notices with the work not actually commencing until November. DM said the last time there was not 90 Business Days notice and it was completed in the required timeframe. AMa said previously everyone was already aware of the changes, as there was a modification which shortened the timeframe, and he did not see any negative impact of giving a longer notification timeline. TC said that if the extraction was no longer required for any reason, then a communication would be sent out to inform all parties. A general discussion then took place and it was felt that could lead to mixed messages and RP said that some people could have already been recruited and trained. AMa said that it might need to be done next year for the iGT data and the way in which the modification was worded meant it was at the discretion of the CDSP, hence the need for more options to get it done. CWa said that the (PAC) would discuss and advise the CDSP.

AMa said from the Workgroup discussions it was clear in its current state that Panel would reject it and so he had to decide whether he was going to amend or withdraw the modification.

BF said either way, he would need to request an extension, as it was due to report to the February Panel.

5. Next Steps

BF confirmed he would request a 2 months extension from Panel and that AMa would then need to decide if he was going to amend the Modification or withdraw it.

6. Any Other Business

None raised.

7. Review of Outstanding Action(s)

There are no outstanding actions.

8. 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
10:30 Thursday 22 February 2018	Xoserve, Lansdowne Gate, 65 New Road, Solihull, B91 3DL	 Detail planned agenda items. Review of Amended Modification Consideration of Legal Text Development of Workgroup Report