

UNC Workgroup 0644 Minutes
Improvements to nomination and reconciliation through the
introduction of new EUC bands and improvements in the CWV
Thursday 04 January 2018
at Xoserve, Lansdowne Gate, 65 New Road, Solihull. B91 3DL

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office
Andrew Green*	(AG)	Total
Andrew Margan	(AM)	Centrica
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Tennent*	(DT)	Dentons
Eddie Proffitt	(EP)	MEUC
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
George MacGregor	(GM)	utilita
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	First Utility
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Justin Price	(JP)	Corona Energy
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Linda Whitcroft	(LW)	Xoserve
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Luke Reeves*	(LR)	EDF Energy
Mark Bellman	(MB)	Dataserve UK
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Rhys Kealley	(RK)	Centrica
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Robert Cameron-Higgs*	(RCh)	Flow Energy
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0644/040118>

The Workgroup / Final Modification Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 May 2018.

1.0 Outline of Modification(s)

SB introduced the modification and provided a brief summary of the rationale behind raising it before focusing attention on Section 5 – Solution.

AM reminded everyone present that pre-payment customers are deemed to be low consuming customers based on budget and not weather sensitive to the same degree as other consumers and suggested that the modification should reflect that fact better. Responding, SB pointed out that the Modification 0644 proposals reflect previous UNC Request 0631R discussions and as a consequence, reflect how the current system flags operate.

KD explained that the modification is looking at splitting the historical data in order to make improvements, rather than trying to deliver a perfect solution.

When asked whether the intention is to catch the lower consuming consumers within the EUC01P band, SB acknowledged that there is more than one possible solution before going on to explain that the modification is trying to strike a sensible balance around the load profile and shapes, noting that the EUC band is not reflective of an individual consumer but an aggregate of a number of consumers. In short, the modification is proposing the introduction of small scale changes now as a foundation for further improvements at a later time. AM wondered whether adopting some spare 'empty' categories would help to future proof matters should there be a need to develop additional bands in future.

When JD enquired whether these proposals could potentially undermine assessment of EUC bands, and therefore the industries ability to accurately assess profiles in future, SB advised that E.ON are already considering a later (follow up) modification to support Modification 0644 principals further down the line.

SB then highlighted the fact that LDZs behave differently which makes extrapolation of data more difficult, hence the different sets of profiles proposed by this modification.

SB also explained that E.ON has been looking at how WCFs react to temperature changes and how these can potentially impact on UIG (via allocation) and whether this also impacts on the CWV, which would necessitate a Code change. These items have been included within the modification, especially NDM allocation error related aspects, in order to ensure that they are considered. SB firmly believes that one way to improve UIG is to improve allocation processes.

When it was suggested that information is sourced from the DCC, JD felt that doing something along these lines could prove beneficial, although timing might be a limiting factor.

When FC enquired whether the Workgroup believes that Modification 0644 is potentially a lower priority than Modifications 0642 (Urgent), 0642A and 0643 (Urgent) modifications, SB agreed that this could be the case. Reacting to the suggestion, JD pondered whether or not this implies that the subject matter would be better serviced under the DESC governance route. Responding, SB suggested that whilst this is theoretically possible, confidence in DESC impartiality is currently being questioned. Supporting this point, KD advised that in her opinion at least one element of the Modification 0644 proposals requires changes to the UNC and needs a modification to give it effect.

When asked whether it would be possible to incorporate an element of future proofing into the Modification 0644 proposals, SB advised that whilst she believes that it is not that simple, she would be happy to consider such a move.

When asked whether or not DESC needs to undertake any more analysis in support of the modification, SB indicated that more information around the WCF aspects would be beneficial, but not necessarily the EUC bands, other than any I&C elements. FC pointed out that DESC are already looking at these matters and would include a view in the DESC Spring Approach Proposals to be provided in due course.

When asked, SB confirmed that E.ON believes that this is simply a 'enabling' type modification which does not necessarily need to cover off all parameters.

FC indicated that in her opinion the modification aids DESC visibility and process transparency along with industry educational aspects.

KD went on to advise that the iGTs have indicated that they might be impacted by the proposals outlined in the modification.

When asked whether or not the modification should be considered at the 15 January 2018 UIG Workgroup meeting, KD indicated that she would like to see it retained on that agenda as a 'placeholder' so that she could provide a simple progress update.

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 are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods>

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that Modification 0644 would be included on the 15 January 2018 UIG Workgroup agenda in the form of a placeholder with the view to E.ON providing a high level progress update.

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
10:30 Monday 15 January 2018	The St Johns Hotel, 651 Warwick Road, Solihull B91 1AT	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress update only