

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of Meeting 199 held on Thursday 21 May 2020
Via Teleconference

Attendees			
Voting Members:			
Shipper Representatives		Transporter Representatives	
A Green (AG), Total		H Chapman (HC), SGN	
M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower		G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent	
D Fittock (DF) , Corona Energy		D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS	
M Jones (MJ) , SSE		T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks	
S Mulinganie (SM) , Gazprom		A Travell (AT), BU UK	
R Fairholme (RF), Uniper			
Non-Voting Members:			
Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
W Goldwag (WG)	L King (LK)	N Bradbury (NB), EIUG S Horne (SH), Citizens Advice	(None)
Also, in Attendance:			
S Britton (SB), Cornwall Insight; Xoserve; B Fletcher (BF), Joint Office; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; K Jones (KJ), Panel Secretary; E Rogers (ER), Xoserve			

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/210520>

199.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

None

199.2 Apologies for Absence

Richard Pomroy

199.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The 16 April minutes were approved.

199.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) Prevention of MN09 Exception - Reconciliation Factor Calculation

ER provided a brief walkthrough of the presentation titled *Prevention of MN09 Exception - Reconciliation Factor Calculation*. She highlighted that the MN09 exception is generated as a result of a failure to calculate the Reconciliation Factor and until it is resolved the exception prevents any further billing of the MPRN. She also highlighted that whilst there is not a direct link to Urgent Modification 0722 there is a risk that following implementation of Urgent Modification 0722 the volume of exceptions could increase exponentially.

ER indicated that the CDSP wish to seek approval from the UNCC to implement a solution to handle a zero-prevailing volume within these calculations whilst achieving the result in line with the intent of the UNC.

UNCC Members raised the following comments in discussion:

TS asked if there was a relationship with urgent Modification 0722 - Allow Users to submit Estimated Meter Reading during COVID-19 and also if there has been any cost benefit analysis undertaken? In response, ER suggested that there is a quick and easy solution and re-iterated that the rationale for this change is not as a direct result of implementation of urgent Modification 0722. She added that CDSP would have raised this issue at UNCC irrespective of urgent Modification 0722 as this is an existing issue which has been identified recently.

In response to a question, ER confirmed that the potential solutions and associated costs would be discussed through the DSC Change Management process. She clarified that UNCC are not being asked to approve a solution or funding mechanism at this time.

BF clarified the governance route confirming that UNC related issues should be raised at Workgroup where these are not within the scope of the UNCC.

1. UNCC Members agreed that the issue of the MN09 Exception - Reconciliation Factor Calculation should be discussed at the UNC Distribution Workgroup.
2. The Workgroup should consider the issue and the potential solutions and associated costs.
3. The next meeting of the Distribution Workgroup is on Thursday 28 May 2020.

199.5 AOB

a) UNC Election Process 2020/21

PG provided a brief update on the 2020/21 User Representative Appointment Process highlighting that the duration of appointments for UNC Panel Members is two years and all other appointments are for one year. She also provided an overview of the timetable indicating that currently Single Points of Contact (SPoC) information is being updated.

In response to a question it was agreed that Joint Office would clarify whether existing SPoCs need to confirm if they are continuing to act as the SPoC.

New Action UNCC01/05: Joint Office (PG) to clarify the 2020/21 User Representative Appointment Process and whether existing SPOCs need to confirm if they are continuing to act as the SPoC.

b) Urgent Modifications 0722, 0723, 0724

UNCC noted that PAC are considering the reporting requirements for the recently implemented urgent Modifications. It was clarified that the funding model for Performance Assurance Reporting Requirements (PARR) changes is provided through the DSC Change Committee where there is already an allocated PAC budget and any further funding requirements in excess of this would be funded through the general DSC Change budget.

c) AUGE Update

ER provided the following update in relation to the Appointment of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGE).

AUG Year Review 2020 Request

Xoserve have published a request for feedback on the AUG Year. The request is available on the Joint Office website:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/augenex/2021>

The deadline for responses is 29 May 2020. ER indicated that this deadline could be extended to allow industry parties more time to provide feedback. The implications of this would be that Xoserve would provide the update to the UNCC in July rather than June 2020.

UNCC Members suggested that it would be helpful to extend the deadlines if possible.

Post-meeting update

Xoserve have extended the deadline for industry feedback on the AUG Year Review from 29 May 2020 to 12 June 2020.

Procurement of the new AUGE

Xoserve have progressed to the official “standstill” stage of the procurement of a new AUGE. This means that they have notified the preferred bidder and the unsuccessful parties have 2 weeks to challenge Xoserve’s selection process. Assuming no challenges are received, contracts will be finalised at the end of May and Xoserve will announce the name of the appointee early next month. It was noted that Xoserve are not able to announce the name of the successful bidder at this stage because of confidentiality rules. The newly appointed AUGE would have their first official interaction with the industry at the introductory meeting in early July.

ER agreed to provide clarification on the implications if the new AUGE is a different organisation, and whether they are still obligated by the same ‘rules and structure’ and if they wanted to change anything they would have to go through formal approval process.

Post-meeting update

If the new AUGE is a different party, they will still be contracted to deliver the service as set out in the UNC and AUG Framework document. So, all the deliverables and

timetable would be unchanged. The choice of methodology is up to them, but it still needs to result in an AUGS and Table, first draft by 31 December. The Table still has to be in the 4 x 9 format at present, pending the outcome of Modification 0711 - *Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands*.

199.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 18 June 2020, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting on that date.

Action Table (21 May 2020)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 01/05	21/05/20	199.5 a)	Joint Office (PG) to clarify the 2020/21 User Representative Appointment Process and whether existing SPOCs need to confirm if they are continuing to act as the SPoC.	Joint Office (PG)	Pending