

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of Meeting 204 held on Thursday 15 October 2020
Via Teleconference

Attendees			
Voting Members:			
Shipper Representatives		Transporter Representatives	
A Green (AG), Total Gas & Power M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower M Jones (MJ) SSE R Fairholme (RF), Uniper S Mulinganie (SM) , Gazprom		D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), SGN G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks R Cailes (RC), BU UK	
Non-Voting Members:			
Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
W Goldwag (WG)	L King (LK)		(None)
Also, in Attendance: B Fletcher (BF), Joint Office; D Addison (DA), Xoserve; K Jones (KJ), Joint Office; L O'Shaughnessy (LOS), Joint Office; S Britton (SB) Cornwall Insight; R Hailes (RH), Panel Secretary; Rachel Hinsley (RH), National Grid;			

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/151020>

203.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

Joanna Ferguson for Tracey Saunders and Richard Pomroy

Andrew Green for Dan Fittock

203.2 Apologies for Absence

D Fittock, Corona Energy

P Garner, Joint Office

R Pomroy, Wales & West Utilities

T Saunders, Northern Gas Networks

203.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The 17 September 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

UNCC 08/01: Committee Members are asked to provide any comments to Joint Office on the Guidelines for User Representative Appointment Process document and also on this year's process and suggest any areas for improvement by 17 September 2020.

Update: Kully Jones (KJ) confirmed that no specific feedback had been received in relation to the User Representative Appointment Process Guidelines. She reported that all the Committees were quorate and that the appointments are effective from 01 October 2020. However, there were still a number of Shipper vacancies and some committees might struggle to maintain quoracy should a member be absent.

The Committee Chair thanked all the new members for agreeing to represent industry at the various committees and wished them well in their new posts.

She also specifically thanked the following outgoing members for their contributions during 2019-20:

PAC

Mark Jones, SSE

Sean Cooper, npower

DESC

Jason Blackmore, British Gas

Mark Jones, SSE

EBCC & DSC Credit

Lavinia Mistreanu, E.ON

DSC Change

Stephanie Clements, Scottish Power

Mark Jones, SSE

Lorna Lewin, Orsted

Alison Neild, Gazprom

DSC Contract Management Committee

Clare Cantle-Jones, SSE

Lorna Lewin, Orsted

Closed

203.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) UNC Data Dictionary Update

Rachel Hinsley (RH) provided an update on the UNC Data Dictionary changes since the September meeting, stating that National Grid issued an email to industry to request feedback but no comments have been received. An update was also provided to the October Transmission Workgroup with one question raised in relation to a report within MIPI. RH said this query was independent of the changes in the UNC Data Dictionary.

She reminded Committee Members that some updates are proposed to the UNC Operations Reporting Manual (UNCORM) as the UNC Data Dictionary is subordinate to the UNCORM before seeking approval for the changes.

The approved the document will be updated and published on the Joint Office website [here](#).

UNCC Members unanimously approved the changes to the UNC Data Dictionary.

b) Retail Code Consolidation element of Ofgem Faster Switching SCR – impacts to UNC

Dave Addison (DA) provided a brief update for information on the Retail Code Consolidation (RCC) impacts to the UNC and IGT UNC as part of the RCC element of the Ofgem Switching Programme.

He explained that there are some administrative changes needed to remove SPAA references from UNC TPD Section V5 and Section K clauses 23 and 24. Code Modification Rules would also be amended to allow the REC Code Manager to raise UNC and IGT UNC Modifications.

Joanna Ferguson (JF) expressed concern that REC Code Manager could raise Modifications under other Codes and sought clarification for the rationale that would allow Modifications to be raised under the UNC particularly where the incumbent Code Administrator could not.

Liam King (LK) said there is a distinction between the REC Code Manager arrangements and existing Code Administrator arrangements. REC Code Manager is a different type of organisation with greater responsibility for supporting the REC Board in delivering code change. The rationale for this proposal is to more effectively drive retail related change. LK said there would be checks on this power and would expect the REC Code Manager to raise appropriate cross-code changes in consultation with other Code Administrators, and with oversight from REC Board and REC Performance Assurance Board.

In response to a question from JF, LK confirmed that any cross-code changes raised by the REC Code Manager would be related to retail change arising in the REC Code.

Bob Fletcher (BF) asked if these arrangements would also be included within the DSC arrangements as this would be a gap in the process if not. LK said he would need to check this.

New Action UNCC 10/01: Ofgem (LK) to check if similar changes will be needed to the DSC arrangements as those being made to the Code Modification rules to allow the REC Manager to raise UNC and IGT UNC Modifications. An update to be provided at the November/December meeting.

Post-Meeting Update

Ofgem have are consulting on the Retail Energy Code proposals for version 1.1. The consultation includes the change management schedule and performance assurance schedule. It is open for comment until 13 November 2020:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/retail-energy-code-proposals-version-11>

203.5 AOB

None

203.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 19 November 2020, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting on that date.

Action Table (15 October 2020)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 08/01	20/08/20	201.4 b)	Committee Members are asked to provide any comments to Joint Office on the Guidelines for User Representative Appointment Process document and also on this year's process and suggest any areas for improvement by 17 September 2020.	Committee Members	Closed
UNCC 10/01	15/10/20	203.4 b)	Ofgem (LK) to check if similar changes will be needed to the DSC arrangements as those being made to the Code Modification rules to allow the REC Manager to raise UNC and IGT UNC Modifications. An update to be provided at the November/December meeting.	Ofgem (LK)	Pending (Update expected Nov/Dec)