

UNC Workgroup 0746 Minutes
Clarificatory change to the AQ amendment process within TPD G2.3
Monday 14 December 2020
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Chris Hooper	(CH)	CNG Ltd
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Fraser Mathieson	(FM)	SPAA/Electralink
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
Heather Ward	(HW)	Energy Assets
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Rose Kimber	(RK)	CNG Ltd
Steve Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insights
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom Energy
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0746/141220

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 April 2021.

1. Introduction and Status Review

Alan Raper (AR) welcomed all to the Workgroup.

AR reminded Workgroup that at the UNC Modification Panel meeting held on 19 November 2020, it was determined that Modification 0736A should be issued to a new Workgroup for assessment and be re-numbered as Modification 0746.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (26 November 2020)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

AR confirmed that no late papers have been submitted.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 1101: CDSP (DA) to provide data with regards to the numbers of reason code 3 AQ amendments to see if there are any spikes in the data prior to 01 April 2020.

Update: Dave Addison provided an overview of the analysis completed to address this action. He advised that the typical monthly volume of AQ Corrections (Reason Code 3), is around 100 per month. He said there was a significant spike in Reason Code 3 amendments during May 2020, (noting that the modification period of look-back was back to April 2020). The number of corrections during May 2020 was circa 2,000.

Looking further back, the only other significant spike that could be identified was May 2018, and reiterated that the normal volume of Reason Code 3 amendments is 100 per month.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) clarified, on the basis of the information provided, he is not minded to change the retrospection date from April 2020.

Guv Dosanjh (GD) agreed that on the basis of the information provided, the retrospection date of April 2020 was appropriate and asked AR to ensure this view is stated in the Workgroup Report to ensure that Ofgem are assured that retrospection date aspect of the Modification has been considered. **Closed**

2. Amended Modification

SM advised that this modification would need to be re-drafted once *Modification 0736S – Clarificatory change to the AQ amendment process within TPD G2.3*, progresses towards a conclusion. He explained that this draft Modification retained Business Rules 1, 2 and 3 from Modification 0736A but, as this modification only needs to concentrate on the retrospection aspect, these could be removed should 0736S be implemented. Therefore, at some point in time the modification would need to be redrafted to include only the Business Rules specific to retrospection.

New Action 1201: Workgroup to review the Transitional Business Rules, (BRs 4 – 7), ahead of Workgroup meeting in January 2021.

New Action 1202: Subject to the decision to be made at UNC Panel on Thursday 17 December regarding Modification 0736, the Proposer, SM, to redraft Modification 0746 for consideration ahead of Workgroup meeting in January 2021.

AR advised that Joint Office would provide Critical Friend advice to the amended modification.

When Ellie Rogers (ER) sought clarification on this point, SM confirmed that the principle of the rules would stay the same and that the revision of the modification would just make the proposal read easier by aligning it to the prevailing Code.

In relation to the request made to Xoserve for the analysis relating to instances of Reason Code 3 amendments, Chris Hooper asked for all the information to be presented rather than just focussing on the outlier months.

SM reiterated, in the absence of any substantial evidence, the modification would remain as drafted and confirmed the retrospection date as April 2020. He added that the date was chosen as it coincided with the reduction in consumption associated with COVID-19. As such, the significant spike in Reason Code 3 amendments identified in 2018 are out of scope for this modification.

AR confirmed that the figures discussed relating to the analysis provided with regards to Action 1101 would be reported within these minutes and, if any party wished to propose an alternative retrospection date, it would have to be done by way of raising an alternative proposal.

SM then suggested deferring further discussion until after the UNC Panel implementation decision for Modification 0736S on 17 December 2020 and revisit Modification 0746 in January 2021.

AR confirmed that further discussion would be deferred until January

3. Review of Legal Text

This will be covered in due course.

4. Development of Workgroup Report

This will be covered in due course.

5. Next Steps

AR confirmed that Workgroup should expect an amended modification ahead of the next Workgroup in January 2021.

6. Any Other Business

None raised.

7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 28 January 2021	Microsoft Teams	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider revised Modification 0746

Action Table (as of 14 December 2020)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	26/11/20	2.0	CDSP (DA) to provide data with regards to the numbers of reason code 3 AQ amendments to see if there are any spikes in the data prior to 01 April 2020.	CDSP (DA)	Closed
1201	14/12/20	2.0	Workgroup to review the Transitional Business Rules, (BRs 4 - 7), ahead of Workgroup meeting in January 2021	All Workgroup	Pending
1202	14/12/20	2.0	Subject to the decision to be made at UNC Panel on Thursday 17 December regarding Modification 0736S, the Proposer, SM, to redraft Modification 0746 for consideration ahead of Workgroup meeting in January 2021	Proposer (SM)	Pending