

UNC Workgroup 0760 Minutes

Introducing the concept of derogation for Net Zero innovation into Uniform Network Code (UNC)

Wednesday 04 August 2021

Via Teleconference

Attendees		
Kate Elleman (Chair)	(KE)	Joint Office
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes (Secretary)	(MBJ)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Anna Stankiewicz	(AS)	National Grid
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.ON
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Heather Ward	(HW)	Energy Assets
Joshua Oyinlola	(JO)	Ofgem
Michelle Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Kate Elleman (KE) welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes

The amended Minutes from 06 July 2021 were approved.

1.2. Review of outstanding Actions

Action 0602: Joint Office to review how the process flow and timeline proposed under the Guidance Document would be aligned to current Joint Office processes.

Update: This action was reviewed under agenda item 2.0. **Closed**

Action 0603: Joint Office to liaise with Xoserve (Dave Addison/ Ellie Rogers) with a view of Xoserve attending the Workgroup meetings.

Update: This action was completed. **Closed**

Action 0701: Workgroup to read the revised UNC Derogation Guidance Document and refer any comments to Tracey Saunders (trsaunders@northerngas.co.uk) and Joint Office (enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk).

Update: This action was completed. **Closed**

2. Amended Modification and Innovation Derogation Guidance Document

Tracey Saunders (TS) noted that some of the challenges raised in the last Workgroup meeting had been covered in the Legal Text and Guidance Document, and as a result no changes had been made to the Modification since the June Workgroup.

TS advised some minor changes had been made to the Guidance Document. TS carried out a walk through of the changes. Please see the change marked document published on the meeting page for full details.

KE noted that Xoserve were present at the meeting to provide views on behalf of the CDSP as requested by the Workgroup. TS advised the Workgroup that she had been liaising with the CDSP to explain the Modification proposal and had already sought their views.

Dave Addison (DA) advised that Xoserve were aware of the Modification and were keen to be engaged in the derogations process. DA noted that the minimum requirement in the Modification is that the CDSP should be engaged when there is a need. DA suggested that instead, the Modification should require mandatory CDSP engagement from the start of any derogation request in order for the CDSP to assess the impacts/requirements. TS noted that when the UNC Modification Panel reviews a derogation request, the CDSP would have the opportunity to provide their views or request additional time for consideration of the request. The Workgroup discussed this and agreed that the Modification should include the CDSP as part of the impact assessment for any derogation request.

Phil Lucas (PL) asked if a live list of derogations would be held so industry parties were aware of upcoming derogation requests. TS confirmed the Joint Office would maintain this list and a footnote would be added to the relevant UNC documents pending a Panel decision for a request.

TS presented the process flow diagram (please see published PDF document for detailed view) and carried out a walkthrough of the process for the Workgroup. It was noted that the CDSP impact assessment would need to be captured in the process map.

KE advised the Workgroup of the UNC Modification process and asked the Workgroup to consider the consultation period for the Modification. KE added that if the Workgroup Report for this Modification is presented to the UNC Modification Panel in August, the Final Modification Report would be available for the Panel to review in October.

The Workgroup considered the consultation period for this Modification. PL noted that as a material change, this Modification would need at least three weeks for consultation. The Workgroup agreed the Modification should be issued for 15 days consultation.

3. Review Legal Text

TS noted the changes suggested in the previous Workgroup had now been incorporated in the Legal Text. TS stated some further minor amendments had been made to the Legal Text which were shown in mark-up. Please see the change marked document published on the meeting page for full details.

TS carried out a walk through of the changes made to the Legal Text. The Workgroup discussed the amendments and noted some further minor amendments captured by the Proposer.

The Workgroup agreed the Legal Text suited the purpose of the solution of the Modification.

4. Develop Workgroup Report

KE noted she would develop the Workgroup Report and liaise with TS to finalise it.

KE added she would capture the CDSP impact and include this in the Workgroup Report as well. TS noted she would make the relevant changes to the process map and Guidance Document.

5. Next Steps

KE summarised:

- TS to add a new swim lane for CDSP impact assessment to the process map.
- TS to add section 7a to the application form in the Guidance Document to add impact assessment for CDSP.
- KE to publish the Workgroup Report alongside all finalised documents for this Modification.
- The Workgroup Report will be presented to the UNC Modification Panel in August with a recommendation to be issued for consultation for 15 days.

6. Diary Planning

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

Subject to the agreement by Panel of an extension, Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
None		

Action Table (as of 04 August 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0602	02/06/21	2.0	Joint Office to review how the process flow and timeline proposed under the Guidance Document would be aligned to current Joint Office processes.	Joint Office (KE)	Closed
0603	02/06/21	2.0	Joint Office to liaise with Xoserve (Dave Addison/ Ellie Rogers) with a view of Xoserve attending the Workgroup meetings.	Joint Office (KE)	Closed