Uniform Network Code Committee

Minutes of Meeting 218 held on

Thursday 20 January 2022

Via Teleconference

| Attendees | | | | | |
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| Voting Members: | | | | | |
| Shipper Representatives | Transporter Representatives | | | | |
| D Fittock (DF), Corona Energy | A Travell (AT), BU-UK | | | | |
| M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower and alternate for D Morley | D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS D Mitchell (DM), SGN | | | | |
| O Chapman (OC), Centrica | G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent | | | | |
| R Fairholme (RF), Uniper S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom Energy | R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks) | | | | |

Non-Voting Members:

| Chairperson | Ofgem Representative | Consumer Representative | Independent Supplier Representative |
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| W Goldwag (WG) | J Semple (JS) | | |

Also, in Attendance:

E Rogers (ER), Xoserve - CDSP Representative; H Moss (HM), Cornwall Insight; K Elleman (KE), Joint Office; B Fletcher (BF), Joint Office; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Hailes (RH), Joint Office

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218.1 Note of any alternates attending the meeting

M Bellman for D Morley, Ovo Energy

218.2 Apologies for Absence

D Morley, Ovo Energy

- **218.3** Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting The 16 December 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
- 218.4 Review of Actions

None

218.5 Matters for the Committee's Attention

None.

218.6 AOB

a) How to Manage Modifications that are with Ofgem for Decision for an extended period of time

S Mulinganie (SM) noted that there seems to be a gap in the management of Modifications that have been sent to Ofgem for a decision and where this decision is delayed for some reason. This was evident with *Modification 0687 - Creation of new charge to recover Last Resort Supply Payments* where the Modification had to be returned due to a number of reasons, including where the legal text was no longer implementable due to changes to Code by other Modifications during the interim. If Modifications are with Ofgem for an extended period of time Panel should be proactive and keep the legal text under review. Should there be a backstop process to ensure the legal text remains valid, how would this be managed.

P Garner (PG) advised that Modifications with Ofgem for a decision are flagged to Panel every 4 months or 2 months for Urgent Modifications, but this does not include a review of the legal text. It might be beneficial to include a trigger to do so to ensure this issue is avoided future and to advise Ofgem that steps might need to be taken prior to them making a decision.

T Saunders (TS) agreed but would like to understand what options/actions Panel can take should an issue be identified with the legal text when a Modification is with Ofgem.

W Goldwag (WG) noted the concerns raised and advised Members that this is not a UNCC issue and should be discussed at the next Panel meeting and possibly the next Governance Workgroup.

New action to add this item to the agenda for the next Panel meeting.

| UNCC01/01 | Add a new agenda item to the February 2022 UNC Modification Panel | Joint Office (KE) |
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| | Meeting - how to manage Modifications and associated legal text that | |
| | are with Ofgem for Decision for an extended period of time | |

218.7 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 17 February 2022, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting on that date.

| Action Ref | Meeting Date | Minute Ref | Action | Owner | Status Update |
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| UNCC01/01 | 20/02/22 | 218.6 a) | Add a new agenda item to the February 2022 UNC Modification Panel Meeting - how to manage Modifications and associated legal text that are with Ofgem for Decision for an extended period of time. | Joint Office (KE) | Pending |

Action Table (20 January 2022)