

**UNC Workgroup 0808 Minutes  
Reverse Compression  
Thursday 27 October 2022  
via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Attendees</b>		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Vera Li	(VL)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Ben Mulcahy	(BM)	Northern Gas Networks
Claire Louise Roberts	(CLR)	ScottishPower
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.ON
Daniel Wilkinson	(DW)	EDF Energy
David Mitchell	(DMi)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
John Baldwin	(JB)	CNG Services Ltd
Kate Lancaster	(KL)	Xoserve
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	Xoserve
Kundai Matiringe	(KM)	BU-UK
Lee Greenwood	(LG)	British Gas
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	TotalEnergies Gas & Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Services
Paul Bedford	(PB)	Opus Energy
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy Limited
Tom Stuart	(TSt)	Wales & West Utilities
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 November 2022.

## 1.0 Introduction and Status Review

### 1.1. Approval of Minutes (25 August 2022)

The minutes from the previous Workgroup were approved.

### 1.2. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers to consider.

### 1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

**0105:** DNs to provide justification for an Authority Direction Governance route based on v1.0 of the Modification.

**Update:** As per Workgroup discussions on 27 October 2022, this action no longer applies.  
**Closed**

**0106:** DNOs to supply list of mandatory items for ancillary agreements and items which that may be required in an ancillary agreement.

**Update:** Deferred to November 2022 meeting when a strawman ancillary agreement will be reviewed. **Carried Forward**

## 2.0 Amended Modification

John Baldwin (JB) provided an update from the GDN discussions.

For a detailed update, please refer to the published slides on the meeting page.

JB noted he has had very little feedback from GDNs as yet and he believes there are three options for Workgroup to consider as a viable way forward for this proposal:

1. GDN Provided RC as per Cadent Doncaster which will provide capacity in a very large area that has a common 7 bar pipeline
2. GDN provided RC but with the RC adopted under a self-transmission pipelines)
3. An iGT owns and operates the RC

SGN have provided feedback on the three options and David Mitchell (DM) confirmed that their preferred option is 3 where the IGT owns and operates. DM suggested that a ancillary agreement should be developed that sits alongside it.

DM advised that Joel Martin has offered to draft a strawman ancillary agreement in time for the November 2022 Distribution Workgroup which will be shared with DNs in advance of that Workgroup.

JB noted that the draft scope as outlined on slide 5 of the presentation can be used as part of the development of the ancillary agreement.

Richard Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities offered his feedback and advised that the development of an agreement is premature as there are still active trials and reverse compression is only one of the options to provide extra capacity. He added that there could be significant interaction issues, therefore there needs to be system controls put in to make sure it operates efficiently.

RP clarified that Wales & West Utilities oppose any of the options while there are still active trials.

Andy Clasper (AC), Cadent, ~~advised Cadent are comfortable with option 3 at the moment and would like to see a transitional period included in any ancillary agreement stated that Cadent are not supportive as currently drafted and would prefer interim 'time limited' arrangements (similar to a trial) in order for all parties to assess the impacts of the initial connections.~~

JB noted that this approach is established throughout Europe, and that nobody has ever written down what the issues are within the UK Industry, he added there is no risk to consumers and there would be no stopping of flows from one grid to another.

Workgroup considered if a Modification is required at all and DM advised that if Workgroup agreed the option 3 route, this would create a situation where the IGT is taking gas off one network then flowing through to another network, this may need to be carved out in Code. That is why a Modification would be required.

DM received feedback as to what the ancillary agreement should include, such as:

- Who decides when the compressor operates (RP)
- Who is operating what?

- How the system is going to be operated in certain scenarios as the HSE would be interested if there is an impact to the Safety Case.

Workgroup agreed that the proposed changes are not material therefore the Modification can continue as intended. JB noted his preference is to amend Modification 0808 which received support from the DNs present at Workgroup. As it will be an enabling Modification it can move forward quite quickly as most of the agreements/rules will be in the ancillary agreement.

**New Action 0110:** Proposer to make appropriate amendments to the Modification based on Workgroup discussions held 27 October 2022.

**New Action 0210:** Networks to work collaboratively on the business rules for the ancillary agreement and the Code update.

### 3.0 Next Steps

EF confirmed the next step will be to:

- Review the content for the ancillary agreement (SGN, DM/JM)
- Provision of an amended Modification (Proposer)
- Extension to February 2023 to be requested at the November 2022 UNC Panel (Joint Office)

### 4.0 Any Other Business

#### 4.1. NTS Meters Accuracy

JB advised that CNG Services Ltd (CSL) believes that reduction in gas flow through NTS Exit Metering (caused by lower gas demand and potentially reduced NTS exit flows into parts of the LDZ with additional biomethane injection) is adversely impacting the development of biomethane projects.

Workgroup agreed that an agenda item can be put on the main Distribution Workgroup agenda for discussion at the January 2023 meeting.

### 5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month)

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
Thursday 10:00 24 November 2022	5pm 16 November 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda
Monday 10:00 12 December 2022	5pm 01 December 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda
Thursday 10:00 26 January 2023	5pm 18 January 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda

**Action Table (as at 27 October 2022)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
<b>0105</b>	26/05/22	3.0	DNOs to provide justification for an Authority Direction Governance route based on v1.0 of the Modification.	DNOs	<b>Closed</b>
<b>0106</b>	23/06/22	3.0	DNOs to supply list of <u>mandatory</u> items for ancillary agreements and items which that <u>may</u> be in an ancillary agreement.	DNOs	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>0110</b>	27/10/22	2.0	Proposer to make appropriate amendments to the Modification based on Workgroup discussions held 27 October 2022	Proposer	<b>Pending</b>
<b>0210</b>	27/10/22	2.0	Networks to work collaboratively on the business rules for the ancillary agreement and the Code update.	Networks	<b>Pending</b>