

UNC Gas Quality Workgroup Terms of Reference

Introduction

This is a standard Terms of Reference to apply to all Modifications that are related to Gas Quality. It includes matters referred from Panel. Other UNC Workgroups may refer a Modification to the Gas Quality Workgroup where it is deemed there is a Gas Quality element to that Modification. However, in such cases the Gas Quality Workgroup would report back to the referring Workgroup.

Purpose of the Modification and its Solution

Please refer to published Modifications at [Modifications | Joint Office of Gas Transporters - Gas Governance](#)

Standard Assessment Criteria for Gas Quality Modifications

- Understanding the objective (Why Change?)
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve the objective
- Assessment of Governance and whether the Modification meets/continues to meet the Self-Governance criteria
- Assessment of Code Specific Matters
- Assessment of the Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of impacts, including but not limited to Consumer and System Impacts
- Identification of potential impacts on other energy codes
- Identification of potential impacts on Settlement
- Consideration of potential performance assurance impacts
- Assessment of how the Modification furthers the Relevant Objectives
- Consideration of a suitable Implementation Date
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Consideration/Assessment of the Legal Text, to satisfy it meets the intent of the Solution.

Standard Additional Questions for Discussion with each Gas Quality Modification

- Does analysis of the proposal indicate that any gas quality sensitive sites will be impacted?
- Have potentially impacted sites been consulted and have they had opportunity to contribute to the proposal?
- Have solutions to any negative impacts been considered?
- What is(are) the enduring cumulative impact(s) of the proposal on Users and Transporters?
- What, if any, is the impact on gas security of supply?
- What, if any, is the impact on electricity security of supply?

- Does the Modification align with the EU Interoperability Code¹ (as it applies in UK retained law post-Brexit)?

Standard Process for Assessing Gas Quality Modifications

- Identification
- Engagement
- Investigation / Feedback
- Analysis / Impact Assessment
- Validation
- Recommendation

Standard Output for Gas Quality UNC Modifications

To produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the UNC Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendation(s) of the Workgroup.

For the avoidance of doubt the Workgroup Report will not contain any recommendation(s) to change current legal requirements such as those contained in the Gas Safety Management Regulations.

Other Issues for Consideration by the Workgroup

- Develop a consistent approach to analysis for gas quality related UNC Modifications
- Consider the appropriateness of the GS(M)R compliance arrangements
- Develop proposals for and monitor progress against the delivery of improvements in gas quality transparency
- Consideration of any potential proposals to change gas quality limit values in GS(M)R² and/or the broader NGT specification in the template Network Entry Agreement³

Standard Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

The Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.

The Workgroup will benefit from the support of NESO and Ofgem representatives.

Standard Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office of Gas Transporters and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice

[The CACoP - CACoP](#)

¹ [EU Interoperability Network Code](#) & [Post-Brexit Statutory Instrument](#)

² [Gas Safety \(Management\) Regulations 1996](#) & [The Gas Safety \(Management\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023](#)

³ [NGT NEA Template](#)

Standard Agenda

- 1.0 Introduction and Status Review
 - 1.1 Approval of Minutes
 - 1.2 Approval of Late Papers
 - 1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions
 - 1.4 Industry Update from Ofgem
- 2.0 Pre-Modification Discussions
- 3.0 Matters of Interest
- 4.0 Issues Register
- 5.0 Any Other Business
- 6.0 Diary Planning
- 7.0 Workgroups