

UNC Performance Assurance Committee Minutes

Monday 12 November 2018

via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office
Billy Howitt	(BH)	Observer, PAFA
Carl Whitehouse	(CW)	Shipper Member
John Welch	(JW)	Shipper Member
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Shipper Member
Mark Bellman	(MB)	Shipper Member
Mark Jones	(MJ)	Shipper Member
Nirav Vyas	(NV)	Observer, PAFA
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	Shipper Member
Sally Hardman	(SH)	Transporter Member
Shanna Key	(SK)	Transporter Member
Shelley Rouse	(SR)	Observer, PAFA

Apologies

Anne Jackson	(AJ)	Observer, PAFA
Lisa Saycell	(LS)	Shipper Member

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Ahead of the meeting, BF explained that R Johnson has resigned, and as a consequence, there is currently no IGT representative sitting on the PAC. The AIGT are currently looking to nominate a replacement. SK noted that this potentially presents a risk around PAC Transporter quoracy.

1.1 Confirm Quorate Status

BF welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting as being quorate.

1.2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted as above.

1.3 Note of Alternates

None.

2. Consideration and Approval of PAC Retail Energy Code Consultation Response Letter (as prepared by the PAFA on behalf of the PAC)

PAC Members undertook a brief review of the draft letter, noting the following areas of concern or interest, summarised as follows:

- Paragraph 2, page 1 – remove ‘that’ from the “One of which is ~~that~~ where settlement.....” statement;

- It was noted that any references to the UKLINK system should read as UK Link system;
- It was noted that the Shipper initiates the switching requirements within the UK Link system once the Supplier advised them;
- Paragraph 4, page 1 – replace ‘supplier’ with ‘shipper’ in from the “....we will see the gas ~~supplier~~ shipper becoming more distant.....” statement;
- Concerns voiced that paragraph 4 feels like an assertion;
- Role of the shipper in the switching process explained;
- It was suggested that the role of the Supplier (in the switching process) also needs to be enhanced within the letter;
- Letter to be enhanced to provide more specific identification of the various industry party roles, and what each party is expected to do (i.e. where the industry are now and what the roles and responsibilities are, and what potential risks are involved);
- In discussion of the first paragraph on page 2, questions were asked around whether PAC are comfortable with the statement as drafted;
- Discussion around whether PAC wishes to see enhancements/provisions added within the Retail Energy Code (REC) , or elsewhere (i.e. within the Uniform Network Code (UNC)) – acceptance that some elements would reside under REC and others under the UNC (i.e. meter reads etc.);
- Conclusion that any items that sit under the REC should be included within this letter, with UNC aspects considered at a later date;
- It was noted that the REC consultation could potentially have some UNC impacts (i.e. meter read submission impacts etc.);
- Concerns voiced around the fact that Suppliers would be more accountable under the new world REC provisions whilst Shipper performance would be monitored within the UNC arena;
- Consensus that paragraph 1 on page 2 needs to be re-written in order to better highlight the differences between REC and UNC aspects and mitigation of settlement risk;
- It was noted that co-operation across the various Codes, especially performance monitoring groups (i.e. PAC) would be beneficial – each group needs to be mindful of potential impacts upon the others;
- Consideration of whether or not, a new statement needs to be added to identify what falls under either the REC or UNC mantle, and what would be expected of the parties involved (i.e. de-lineralisation and alignment and governance considerations) – it was agreed that a high-level view would suffice for the purposes of the letter;
- PAFA requested to provide a high-level overview of REC to PAC at some point in the (immediate) future;
- Referring back to the last paragraph on page 1, discussion centred around the example with agreement it should remain in the letter;

Following the review, PAC agreed that the PAFA should amend the letter inline with discussions and the feedback provided prior to issuing to members (via email) for their subsequent approval before formal submission to the REC consultation. Furthermore, once the PAFA confirms to the Joint Office that the letter has been approved and submitted, it will be formally recorded as such at the next available PAC meeting.

3. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
10:30, Tuesday 20 November 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Monthly Review Items</i>
10:30, Tuesday 11 December 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>To be confirmed</i>