

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 28 February 2019
at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(KJ)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann*	(AM)	Gazprom
Amy Rawding*	(AR)	Northern Gas Networks (0665 only)
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Anna Kapeni*	(AK)	Northern Gas Networks (0665 only)
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Edward Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Ellie Rogers*	(ER)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates Ltd
Kate Mulvany	(KM)	British Gas
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shanna Key*	(SK)	Northern Gas Networks
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
Tracey Saunders*	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

*via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Bob Fletcher (BF) invited everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (24 January 2019)

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

1.2. Modifications with Ofgem

None

1.3. Pre-Modification Discussion

1.3.1. Migration of Market Participant ID to UNC

Dave Addison (DA) provided a short presentation to give early indication of a pre-Modification which will place an obligation on the CDSP to maintain a register of Market Participant Identities (MP Id). He explained that under the new REC arrangements the MP Id will move from SPAA to the UNC/DSC with reporting to the DSC Contract Management Committee. It is also proposed that a Guidance Document describing the verification checks, business rules, obligations, approval and appeal process is managed by the DSC Contract Management Committee as a CDSP document and not as a UNCC document. He added that consideration of non-DSC party views would be also be needed.

The aim is to formally transition mastering of MDD Market Participant Identities to the CDSP from February 2020. It is expected that the CSS will want to use MP Id file formats to notify MP Id population as part of the CSS consequential changes to CSS.

DA outlined the proposed timetable indicating that the intention is to provide a draft Modification to the Joint Office by Friday 08 March 2019. In response to a question from BF about whether a joint Workgroup with SPAA would be needed, Kirsty Dudley (KD) suggested that a SPAA representative would be appropriate but a joint Workgroup is not required.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0647 – Opening Class 1 reads to Competition

(Report to Panel 20 June 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0647>

2.2. 0665 – Changes to Ratchet Regime

(Report to Panel 01 March 2019)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0665

2.3. 0680S - UNC Changes as a Consequence of 'no deal' United Kingdom Exit from the European Union

(Report to Panel 21 March 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0680>

3. Issues

3.1. ISS 0070 – Consequences of SPAA Change Proposal 0443

Richard Pomroy (RP) provided a brief update confirming that a DSC Change proposal 443 had been raised and that the SPAA Workgroup met again on 26 February 2019. A number of clarifications are still needed which have delayed the consultation. As a result of this the DSC Change consultation will commence earlier. The focus of the DSC consultation will be the solution and the focus of the SPAA consultation will be about the justification and obligations.

RP highlighted that I & C only Shippers are not obliged to be parties to the SPAA and in addition, TRAS I & C Shippers only have to comply with the TRAS schedule in SPAA implying that some Shippers may not need to use the functionality being provided.

3.2. New Issues

None.

4. Review of Outstanding Actions

No outstanding actions.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. AUGE Stakeholder Evaluation Committee Update

BF provided a brief update on the nominations received for the AUGE Stakeholder Evaluation Committee indicating that only two nominations (one from the big 6 Gas Shippers and one ICOS Member) were received for the AUGE Stakeholder Evaluation Committee. A nomination from a Network and/or challenger Shipper would be helpful to provide a broader representation.

He added that there is still an opportunity to send in nominations directly to the Joint Office. He also clarified that the nominee can be a representative of a UNC Party.

While Panel and FC were comfortable with the nominations received, it would be beneficial to have a broader cross section of UNC parties.

6. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

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

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30, Thursday 28 March 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Distribution Workgroup standard Agenda
10:30, Thursday 25 April 2019	Elaxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Distribution Workgroup standard Agenda
10:30, Thursday 23 March 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Distribution Workgroup standard Agenda