

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes Tuesday 24 March 2020 Via Teleconference

Attendees

Lorraine O'Shaughnessy (Chair)	(LO)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Julie Chou	(JC)	Wales & West Utilities
Mark Chapman	(MC)	AIGT
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	Northern Gas Networks
Peter Morgan	(PM)	SGN

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Lorraine O'Shaughnessy (LO) welcomed all to the meeting, and explained that as there were no Shippers in attendance the meeting was not quorate. LO reminded attendees that within the Terms of Reference all four Distribution Networks and at least two of the Gas Shippers should be represented at Shrinkage Forum meetings. Attendees confirmed that they were happy to proceed.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (16 December 2019)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. AiGT Shrinkage Analysis Update

Mark Chapman (MC) confirmed that DNVGL have collated all the data provided by the AIGT representatives to date. They are now undertaking a review of the failure types, the National Shrinkage Statistics taken in 1992 and 2002 along historical information on PE Pipe and associated jointing techniques and their reduced rates of shrinkage.

MC confirmed that DNVGL are awaiting Indigo Pipelines' data sets, however a judgement call will be made whether to proceed without this data if 80% of data allows some decent outputs. MC explained some difficulties had been encountered extracting data due to different asset repositories.

MC clarified once the review has been undertaken the plan will be for DNVGL to combine their findings and provide evidence of estimated shrinkage rates for the different types of pipes.

MC confirmed the AIGT will continue its dialogue with DNVGL and provide an update in August.

New Action 0301: AIGT (MC) provide an update on the estimated shrinkage rates for IGTs in August.
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3. Shrinkage and Leakage Report Consultation Update

LO reminded parties that the Shrinkage and Leakage Consultation Report, closed on Friday 20 December 2019, and the final report had been published and provided to Ofgem on 30 December 2019. The final report is available at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Shrinkage/Consultations>

4. Theft of Gas Methodology Review

LO provided a brief update on the outstanding action for Shippers to provide comments on the three options for the Theft of Gas Methodology Review.

LO recapped that the three options were to:

- Review current ToG factor with key stakeholders
- Remove ToG from the Shrinkage incentive
- Consider influence of large loads

LO advised attendees that feedback had been provided by one party which had been published on the meeting page and asked if they would like to view the contents for discussion. JC asked if this could be shown.

Julie Chou (JC) explained that this was a piece of work the DNs needed to work on together, requesting this is carried forward to August. LO encouraged all parties to provide input and feedback on the three options which can be provided via the Joint Office and published on the next meeting page to assist collecting views. LO asked where information is provided that parties provide some narrative and confirmation that the information can be published.

5. Review of outstanding actions

Action 0802: Shippers to provide comments on Theft of Gas and the three options for consideration presented in slide 5.

Update: See item 4.0. Carry forward to August. **Carried forward.**

6. Any Other Business

None raised.

7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>:

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
09:30, Wednesday 26 August 2020	Teleconference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AiGT Shrinkage Analysis Update • LDZ Shrinkage Factor Update • Theft of Gas Methodology Review • Review of Terms of Reference
09:30, Wednesday 25 November 2020	Teleconference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC
09:30, Wednesday 16 December 2020	Teleconference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC

Action Table (as at 24 March 2020)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0802	27/08/19	4.0	Shippers to provide comments on Theft of Gas and the three options for consideration presented in slide 5.	Shippers	Carried forward

0301	24/03/20	2.0	AIGT (MC) provide an update on the estimated shrinkage rates for IGTs in August.	AIGT (MC)	Pending
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