

UNC Modification Panel

Minutes of Meeting 289 held on

Thursday 21 April 2022

via teleconference

Attendees

Voting Panel Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representatives
D Fittock (DF), Corona Energy	H Ward (HW), Energy Assets	S Hughes (SH), Citizens Advice
M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower	C Williams (CW), National Grid NTS	E Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users' Council
O Chapman (OC), Centrica and on behalf of D Morley (DM)	D Mitchell (DMi), SGN	
R Fairholme (RF), Uniper	G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent	
S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom Energy	R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities	
	T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks	

Non-Voting Panel Members:

Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Independent Supplier Representative
W Goldwag (WG), Chair	J Semple (JS)	(None)

Also, in Attendance:

A Raper (AR), Joint Office

C Aguirre (CA), Pavilion Energy

E Rogers (ER), Xoserve - CDSP Representative

H Moss (HM), Cornwall Insight

J Bates (JB), National Grid NTS

J Chandler (JC), SSE *only for Modification 0806 discussion*

K Elleman (KE), Joint Office

M Bhowmick-Jewkes (MBJ), Joint Office

P Garner (PG), Joint Office

P Lucas (PL), National Grid NTS

R Hailes (RH), Joint Office

T Lattimore (TL), Gemserv

Record of Discussions

289.1 Introduction

The UNC Modification Panel Chair, Wanda Goldwag (WG), welcomed all attendees.

289.2 Note of any alternates attending the meeting

H Ward on behalf of A Travel, BUUK

C Williams on behalf of D Lond, National Grid NTS

O Chapman on behalf of D Morley, OVO Energy

289.3 Record of apologies for absence

A Jackson, Gemserv

A Travel, BUUK

D Lond, National Grid NTS

D Morley, OVO Energy

289.4 Minutes of the last meetings 17 March 2022

The minutes from 17 March 2022 were approved.

289.5 Review of Outstanding Action(s)

PAN 02/01: National Grid NTS and CDSP (ER) to provide an update on Gemini system updates at the next Panel Meeting.

Update: C Williams (CW) and E Rogers (ER) advised they had no updates at present and hoped to provide an update at the May Panel.

Carried Forward

PAN 03/01: Liaise with SH (Citizen's advice) to consider actions to improve reporting and Workgroup engagement

Update: This action will be covered under agenda item 289.6.

Closed

PAN 03/02: Liaise with SH (Citizen's advice) to consider potential processes to address issues around short notice consideration of Modifications (FMRs).

Update: This action will be covered under agenda item 289.6.

Closed

289.6 Governance

P Garner (PG) thanked S Hughes (SH) for his assistance in reviewing the Uniform Network Code (UNC) governance processes and identifying options for improvement.

SH noted that whilst improving the processes would be beneficial, this work was not a priority. They were mostly for busy period, when having sensible and iterative steps would help optimise the governance process. SH suggested looking at other industry codes could be beneficial as well. SH also thanked the Joint Office for holding open dialogue to ensure improvements could be made.

K Elleman (KE) presented slides identifying four key areas of improvement. Please see the published slides on the April UNC Panel meeting page for full details.

Short Notice

WG stated that it was likely that exceptional issues would arise occasionally which would utilise the urgent procedures. However, insufficient discussions and industry engagements with these issues caused difficulties in the future.

PG agreed with this view noting that Short Notice Modifications should only be raised by exception and should require sufficient justification. Whilst the Joint Office would carry out the Critical Friend reviews and engage with the Proposer of the Modification, the UNC Panel should ensure that Short Notice Modification were only allowed when practicable.

S Mulinganie (SM) suggested that there needed to be a check on whether the proposed Short Notice Modification was simple or complex, as the latter is problematic. SM noted that Code Managers needed to be more flexible and check whether issues were complex enough as well as check the appropriate justification. Clear guidelines on what is justifiable should also be developed. –

WG observed that all Proposers would be of the opinion that their Modification was simple rather than complex and suggested suitable justification should be required for all Short Notice Modifications.

SM advised that demonstrating material commercial issues should be sufficient justification, adding that a glide path would be beneficial to aid this.

D Fittock (DF) agreed with SM's comments noting that Panel approving Short Notice Modifications was problematic as often the Proposers of these Modifications are Panel Members. DF noted that the Joint Office, as an independent arbiter of the UNC, should review whether the Short Notice criteria were being fulfilled as this would remove the commercial drivers from Panel Members making this decision.

PG explained that the Joint Office will have discussions with the Short Notice Modification Proposers in relation to their timetable but emphasised that the decision on whether to approve the Modification resided with Panel.

DF remarked that in light of the Ofgem and BEIS response to the Code Governance consultation, this approach would need to change.

WG suggested that the Joint Governance Arrangements Committee (JGAC) should be consulted on this as they fund the Joint Office's operations. WG added that if the Joint Office was required to become a Code Manager, then the resourcing would need to be considered which was a lengthy and detailed conversation to be held elsewhere.

C Williams (CW) observed that when a Short Notice Modification is submitted, there is an opportunity for the industry to identify whether it needs a decision immediately or whether it could be submitted to Panel at a later date.

KE noted that whilst the Joint Office could continue to advise and guide the industry, the challenge arises when Modifications are submitted with an extremely truncated timetable.

Workgroup Report - engagement

SM recognised that recently, Workgroup Chairs had pushed Workgroup Members to engage and proactively sought views noting that the Workgroup Report could not be completed without capturing all views and concerns. SM stated that this was extremely positive, acknowledging that these were not easy conversations but extremely beneficial.

PG noted that stakeholders were generally uninterested in reviewing the Relevant Objectives, but that the Joint Office will be pressing them for their views on them for each Modification.

D Mitchell (DMi) agreed with SM noting that the recent Modification 0792S Workgroup, the Workgroup Report discussions had been excellent and the views from the debate had been captured accurately in the Workgroup Report.

SM observed that if Workgroup Members had any concerns or issues, they needed to be highlighted in the Workgroup Report, rather than rising in the Consultation stage.

KE noted that a request had been raised seeking a view of Modifications reporting to future Panels and this had been created and would be presented to Panel every month. A view of the May Panel Modifications was displayed.

289.7 Consider Urgent Modifications

- a) None.

289.8 Consider Variation Request

- a) **Modification 0674 - Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls**

PG thanked A Raper (AR) on developing this Modification and invited Panel to consider the Variation Request.

AR explained the Proposer of Modification 0674, M Bellman (MB) has requested a variation to this modification, pursuant to UNC Modification Rules Section 6.5.1(c) of the UNC.

AR noted that Modification 0674 has been in development since April 2019 and has undergone a number of iterations before version 15.0 was consulted on in April 2021. Several representations to the consultation contained comments that the Panel deemed to be new issues and as such, in its view, the proposal was returned to Workgroup for the issues to be considered and for the Modification to undergo a further stage of development.

The list of issues identified for further consideration can be found in the table at the front of the Supplemental Report. Following a sequence of meetings, where each point was discussed, a list of amendments to the modification were identified and these have been incorporated into version 16.0 of the proposal.

The changes to the Modification are captured under new Business Rules. Please see the Variation Request for full details, published at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0794>

MB thanked AR for his support in developing this Modification, noting that several issues raised at consultation had already been discussed at the initial Workgroups. Some of these issues have translated in changes to the Modification and Legal Text and all concerns should now have been addressed.

SM thanked the MB and AR for having dealt with these issues proactively but noted concerns with the purpose of this Modification. SM suggested that if the Varied Modification was approved, it needed to be issued to consultation allowing industry to review it and comment, noting that in light of the amendments to the Modification, many parties were likely to change their response. R Pomroy (RP) and DF agreed with this view.

DF asked at which point would the cycle of amending the Modification stop. WG advised that usually when Panel identified that new issues had been raised at consultation, it is sent back to Workgroup for further discussions. However, WG acknowledged that a Modification cannot keep being sent back to Workgroup and requested PG to comment on the process.

PG explained that before the Varied Modification was issued to consultation, Panel would need to agree that the amendments to the Modification were material in nature but Panel had the right to stop the cycle if they felt otherwise.

CW and O Chapman (OC) noted they believed that the Varied Modification should be issued to consultation.

Panel Members then determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- Variation Request for Modification 0674 is material, by majority vote (13 out of 14).
- Modification 0674V is not related to the Significant Code Review, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14)
- The criteria for Self-Governance is not met, as this Modification is likely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

PG advised that the Joint Office are recommending a truncated 10 day consultation in light of the Proposer's view.

T Saunders (TS) asked whether there were other options. PG noted that the consultation period could also be for 15 days, resulting in reporting as a Short Notice Final Modification Report (FMR) at the May Panel or for 20 days to reporting to the June Panel.

TS asked what the driver was for this Modification to report to the May Panel instead of June.

AR explained that it was likely that this Modification could be reviewed in 10 days, which was the recommended consultation period.

SM noted that there was no strong justification for this Modification to report at the May Panel, particularly as a Short Notice FMR.

PG agreed with these views. WG suggested a 20 days consultation period which was agreeable with Panel Members.

Panel Members then determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- Modification 0674V be issued for consultation with a consultation close out date of 23 May 2022, and be considered at the 16 June 2022 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out to 14).

289.9 Final Modification Reports

a) Modification 0761 - Arrangements for Interconnectors with additional Storage capability

Panel Discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0761>

R Hailes (RH) advised that the Qualified Support representation sought additional views from National Grid. CW explained that there would be a period of monitoring and assessment after implementation which would address these queries.

SH noted that Ofgem should address the utilisation comment from RWE's representation.

R Fairholme (RF) observed that Ofgem should consider whether this Modification is proposing a discount under the Tariffs Network Code, which was written with storage in mind, and therefore consideration was required regarding whether this service qualified for the discount.

WG asked E Rogers (ER) to comment on the Gemini impacts. ER had no comments to make about the impact to Gemini but noted that this Modification is part of the Gemini Regulatory Change budget for FY22 and would have to be approved at the DSC Change Management Committee.

SM asked whether the cost for implementing this Modification would be written off over time from the Gemini budget. ER confirmed that it would.

CW stated that there were some uncertainties around the future of Gemini but the delivery of industry change is the focus and if any additional changes arise, they will be brought to Panel.

CW also noted that awaiting any guidance from BEIS in relation to the legal issues raised in the consultation representations is pointless as Ofgem is the decision maker in this matter. CW highlighted that no new issues have arisen from the new consultation. SH agreed with CW. RP, SM and RF disagreed with this view.

Panel Members considered the Relevant Objectives and discussions were captured in the FMR.

Panel Members also discussed the costs and benefits of implementing this Modification. MB noted that sometime costs can increase. RH asked ER if further costs were expected to be incurred. ER was unsure and advised she would seek confirmation.

P Lucas (PL) noted that the solution for this Modification was designed for any interconnector operator to use the service without any additional costs.

RF commented that there is a liberal interpretation of the Tariff Code Discount in this Modification and noted that it was an issue for Ofgem's consideration.

Panel Members then determined that (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- No new issues were identified during consultation, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0761 is not related to the Significant Code Review, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0761 has no Cross Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0761 not recommended for implementation, in the absence of a majority vote in favour (6 out of 14).

b) Modification 0800 - Introducing the concept of a derogation framework into Uniform Network Code (UNC) (Authority Direction)

Panel Discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0800>

T Saunders (TS), the Proposer of this Modification thanked the Joint Office for their assistance in developing this Modification.

TS confirmed that she had engaged actively with Ofgem and was of the view this Modification now addresses the issues Ofgem had raised with Modification 0760 - *Introducing the concept of a derogation framework into Uniform Network Code (UNC)*.

TS noted that there were only three consultation responses for this Modification as it has been treated as a send back for Modification 0760 and it was likely that the industry support for Modification 0760 remained. SM agreed with this view.

It was noted this Modification has Cross Code impacts on the IGT UNC, and the Proposer has liaised with the IGT representative to develop the IGT Modification.

Panel Members then determined that (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- No new issues were identified during consultation, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0800 is not related to the Significant Code Review, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0800 has Cross Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0800 recommended to be implemented, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

c) Modification 0802S - Clarification of 'Annual Update' for impacted Users in relation to CNCCD Election(s)

Panel Discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0802>

RF noted that this Modification was a straightforward proposal and could have been a Fast Track Self-Governance (FTSG) Modification. RH explained that the Modification had not satisfied the FTSG criteria.

RP asked if Panel could consider voting on the implementation dates in the future for transparency on Self-Governance Modifications to ensure Panel agrees with the default 16 Business Day implementation or suggest another date.

Panel Members then determined that (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- No new issues were identified during consultation, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0802S still meets the Self-Governance Criteria, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0802S is not related to the Significant Code Review, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0802S has no Cross Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0802S to be implemented, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

d) Modification 0804 - Consequential UNC changes for Switching SCR (REC 3.0)

Panel Discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0804>

Panel Members then determined that (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- No new issues were identified during consultation, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0804 recommended to be implemented, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

289.10 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modifications

a) Modification 0806 - Change to Curtailment Trade Price Compensation in Section Q

J Chandler (JC) introduced this Modification explaining that given the changes to the GB energy system, this Modification is seeking to provide adequate incentive and compensation to help ensure gas is purchased in advance.

SM asked if the proposed compensation would be made available to all industry parties or just generators. JC confirmed it should be available to all signatories of the UNC.

SM noted that it appears the Modification is trying to address an issue only applicable to generators and suggested that the Workgroup should consider whether parties who do not experience the same set of circumstances should benefit from it.

RH noted that the timetable for the Modification needs to be reviewed as the Proposer is suggesting only two months, but it should be at Workgroup for at least three months as per Panel standards. It was noted that if the Workgroup concludes earlier than the three months, the Modification can report to Panel earlier. RH noted that in light of the governance discussions, sufficient justification is required for the proposed two months development period. It was agreed the Modification would report to Panel at the July Workgroup, allowing three months at Workgroup.

JC explained that the solution to the Modification was simple and the Legal Text was straightforward. The proposal is to ensure gas can be purchased in advance before winter

E Proffitt (EP) noted that a very similar proposal was raised and rejected 10 years ago as it was identified that only Large Users would benefit from it and also because Demand Side Response (DSR) products were available where any Large User can bid on the system. EP added that this DSR product is still available.

JC remarked that a lot had changed in the gas industry in the last 10 years and whilst 10 years ago there had been other options besides gas, now without gas, the lights will go off.

SM asked why the DSR product mentioned is not suitable and what would be the cost benefit payoff from using it.

SH observed that taking note of the heavy workload of the Transmission Workgroup, it should be considered whether this Modification is required now or whether it can be considered in the future.

RF asked for clarity on whether this Modification was for emergency measures and whether the DSR product could be utilised in an emergency. EP noted that the DSR product is to be used prior to the emergency rather than during the emergency, suggesting Modification 0504 - *Demand Side Response (DSR) Methodology Implementation* may apply.

H Ward (HW) confirmed there should be no impacts to the IGT UNC from this Modification.

SH asked whether the Workgroup could consider different scenarios and whether the Proposer can present analysis on prices and this Modification impacts them.

RF explained this would be challenging as proposing emergency scenarios is difficult, noting that the Modification likely uses extreme pricing as an example.

Panel Questions:

Q1. Which Parties will be able to benefit from this facility/service and who will pay for it?

Q2: How does this new service interact with the DSR product and does utilisation of DSR mitigate/reduce the need for this proposal?

Q3. What is the likelihood of this Modification being required?

Q4. Should additional electricity prices be used in scenario analysis?

For Modification 0806 Members determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- There are no Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance not met, as this Modification is likely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0806 is issued to Workgroup 0806 with a report to be presented to the 21 July 2022 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

b) 0807 – Minor Update to the Legal Text Implemented Under Modification 0672S

ER presented this Modification on behalf of the Proposer, noting that in order to achieve the intent of Modification 0672S – *Target, Measure and Report Product Class 4 Read Performance*, a minor update is required to amend Uniform Network Code (UNC) Transportation Principal Document (TPD) Section M 5.9.18 (introduced as part of Modification 0672S) to clarify the rules regarding submission of Valid Meter Readings that would qualify for the Target Read Performance. This Modification proposes updating the legal text implemented as part of Modification 0672S.

ER advised Pre-modification discussions at Distribution Workgroup had suggested following Self-Governance procedures rather than FTSG procedures. She confirmed that the very small change to Legal Text for the Modification (provided within the Modification by Cadent Gas) was briefly reviewed by Workgroup.

RF stated that the Distribution Workgroup cannot decide the governance for a Modification, suggesting that if the Legal Text was finalised, the Modification should be approved as a FTSG Modification or issued to consultation.

RH explained that that whilst this was primarily a housekeeping Modification, it did not appear to meet the FTSG criteria as it amends the UNC beyond a typographical error. As a reminder, the Panel reviewed the FTSG criteria:

Fast Track Self-Governance Criteria

The modification:

- a. *would meet the Self-Governance criteria; and*
- b. *is properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change, including but not limited to:*
 - i. *updating names or addresses listed in the uniform network code;*
 - ii. *correcting minor typographical errors;*

iii. correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering; or

iv. updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs.

SM observed that the error being amended was very minor with two words being added and therefore should be considered a housekeeping change.

TS said that as this Modification is changing the UNC materially, it did not qualify as FTSG, suggesting instead that the Modification be issued straight to consultation. SH agreed suggesting issuing it for a short term (10 day) consultation.

MB remarked that as the Legal Text as it stands (including the error) has been used as it should be, instead of what it states, amending it would not constitute a material change, as the industry has likely interpreted the text to include a typographical error. ER confirmed the Modification 0672S was implemented in September 2020 and the systems change associated with it had been built on the intent within the Modification covering the time period “M and M+1”.

PG suggested Panel could vote on the Modification being implemented or issued to consultation. WG agreed with this.

PG highlighted that a vote for FTSG must be carried unanimously.

Panel Members considered and discussed the Fast Track Self Governance criteria in detail and agreed that this Modification is correcting a consistency error.

(Pre-Lunch) For Modification 0807 Members determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- The criteria for Fast Track Self-Governance are met, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

(Post Lunch) For Modification 0807 Members determined (12 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review, by majority vote (12 out of 12).
- There are no Cross-Code impacts, by majority vote (12 out of 12).
- To implement Modification 0807FT, by unanimous vote in favour (12 out of 12).

289.11 Existing Modifications for Reconsiderations

Jennifer Semple (JS) advised the following decision timelines for these Modifications awaiting Ofgem Decisions.

- a) **Modification 0796 - Revision to the Determination of National Grid NTS Target Revenue for Transportation Charging**

TBC

- b) **Modification 0746 - Application of Clarificatory change to the AQ amendment process within TPD G2.3 from 1st April 2020**

TBC 2022

- c) **Modification 0696V - Addressing inequities between Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExA**

TBC

- d) **Modification 0780 - Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus SAGE System Entry Point**

Today

- e) **Modification 0779/A - Introduction of Entry Capacity Assignments**

TBC 2022

289.12 Workgroup Issues/Updates

- a) None.

289.13 Workgroup Reports for Consideration

- a) **Modifications 0674 - Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls (dependant on Variation determination)**

This item has been covered under agenda item 289.8 b).

- b) **Modification 0771S - Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Entry connections**

Panel Members noted the Workgroup Report recommended that that this Modification should be issued to Consultation.

For Modification 0771S, Members determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- Modification 0771S to be issued to consultation with a close out date of 13 May 2022, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0771S to be considered at short notice at the 19 May 2022 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

- c) **Modification 0792S - Amendments to Cost Recovery under OAD**

Panel Members noted the Workgroup Report recommended that that this Modification should be issued to Consultation.

Panel Members discussed whether the FMR should be considered at Short Notice at the May Panel. It was noted that Short Notice was not included in the timetable. Panel decided to consider this Modification at the June Panel.

SH asked for clarity around cost recovery where costs were lower than expected and why this was not specified. G Dosanjh (GD), the Proposer of the Modification suggested he could liaise offline with SH.

For Modification 0792S, Members determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- Modification 0792S to be issued to consultation with a close out date of 13 May 2022, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Modification 0792S to be considered at the 16 June 2022 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

d) Modification 0799 - UNC arrangements for the H100 Fife project (100% hydrogen)

Panel Members noted the Workgroup Report recommended that that this Modification should be issued to Consultation.

ER noted that the link to the XRN in the Central Systems Impact section of the Modification was not working. KE noted this would be updated.

SH asked whether a longer consultation is justified for the first hydrogen Modification. SM agreed this would be beneficial and noted that similar discussions had taken place for the REC equivalent Modification, and Market Domain Data (MDD) impacts had been identified.

The Proposer, DMi agreed that a longer consultation can be agreed if that was Panel's view. OC also supported the suggestion for a longer consultation.

SM noted that the Modification had been discussed at the Metering Experts Group and no concerns had been identified.

For Modification 0799, Members determined (14 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- Modification 0799 to be issued to consultation with a close out date of 20 May 2022, to be considered at June 2022 Panel by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

289.14 Modification Reporting

Legal Text Requests

UNC Modification Panel Members discussed the following Legal Text Request and determined unanimously to make Legal Text Requests for the following Modification(s):

Legal Text Requests for Modifications

0800 - Consequential UNC changes for Switching SCR (REC 3.0) (deemed)

289.15 AOB

a) User Representative Appointment Process

PG advised that for the User Representative Appointments, industry experts are required who would engage in debate and who have in dept industry knowledge.

KE presented the slides, including the timeline explaining that Panel Members can share this internally with their colleagues.

PG noted that if not enough Representatives are confirmed, the Joint Office will redo the process.

RF asked why these Representatives are not in place for two years, similar to Panel Members. PG explained this was according to the Modification Rules and Modification would be required to amend the UNC.

SM suggested that the User Representative slides could highlight the likely discussions to take place in the various meetings in order to attract representatives.

b) Annual Report

PG provided an update on the Joint Office Annual Report providing a high-level overview of what it will contain.

PG noted that the report has been finalised and is with design house now.

WG asked how long this step would take. PG explained that this should hopefully be ready for publication imminently but noted that if it was not completed in the next 2-3 weeks, it would be published as it is.

WG advised that the Annual Report would be issued to the Joint Office distribution list as well as Ofgem, BEIS and CACoP as well as published on the Joint Office website for ease of access.

c) 0797 (Urgent) - Last Resort Supply Payments Volumetric Charges – Legal Text Update

M Bhowmick-Jewkes (MBJ) explained that the Legal Text for Modification 0797 (Urgent) included an update to Transition Document Part IIC – Transitional Rules by adding a new paragraph 28. However, a new paragraph 28 has already been added to TDIIC under a previous Code Update.

Sequentially as the previous update has taken precedence, the Joint Office proposes to renumber the new paragraph being added to TDIIC from 28 to 29 as the Legal Text for Modification 0797 (Urgent) does not have any cross-references to other parts of the UNC and there should not be any unintended consequences from changing the number of the above paragraph.

SH asked how this would be different to the update to the UNC proposed by Modification 0807FT. MBJ explained that the Legal Text for Modification 0797 (Urgent) has not been included to the UNC yet, and therefore a Modification Fast Track or otherwise is not required to amend it. SH accepted this explanation.

d) Update from Ofgem on Energy Code Reform

JS noted that the Ofgem response on the Energy Code Reform consultation has been published. A key proposal is that Code Administrators will be replaced by Code Managers who will be licenced by Ofgem.

Scope of new framework extends to all the current gas and electricity codes.

JS advised that Ofgem is holding webinars to engage with industry (link below) which will allow industry parties to raise any queries they have.

[Energy code reform - consultation response webinar Tickets, Tue 26 Apr 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

PG asked whether the legislation will give Ofgem the power to enact these changes rather than implementing the changes. JS confirmed that was correct and that there are no firm timescales at present.

289.16 Date of Next Meeting(s)

09:15, Thursday 19 May 2022, by teleconference

Action Table (21 April 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update	Date of Expected update
PAN 02/01	20/02/22	287.8 c)	National Grid NTS and CDSP (ER) to provide an update on Gemini system updates at the April 2022 Panel Meeting.	Xoserve (ER) and National Grid	Carried Forward	19 May 2022
PAN 03/01	17/03/22	288.12 b)	Liaise with SH (Citizen's advice) to consider actions to improve reporting and Workgroup engagement	Joint Office (KE)	Closed	21 April 2022
PAN 03/02	17/03/22	288.14 d)	Liaise with SH (Citizen's advice) to consider potential processes to address issues around short notice consideration of Modifications (FMRs).	Joint Office (KE)	Closed	21 April 2022