

UNCC AUG Sub-Committee Minutes
Friday 12 April 2024
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Nikita Bagga (Secretary)	(NB)	Joint Office
Charlotte Gilbert until 10:57	(CG)	BUUK
David Speake	(DS)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Deborah Sherlock	(DSh)	CDSP
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	CDSP
James Hill	(JH)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Mark Jones from 10:33	(MJ)	SSE
Neil Cole	(NC)	CDSP
Sophie Dooley	(SD)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Sallyann Blackett until 11:00	(SB)	EON Next
Stephen Mulinganie from 10:24	(SM)	SEFE Energy

Please note these minutes do not replicate detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/AUG/120424>

1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (15 March 2024)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

The AUGE and CDSP provided updated versions of their previously published papers.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

No outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

2. AUG Statement Review/Update

The presentation covered the following main topics and discussion points. Full detail of the presentation can be found at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/AUG/120424>

Sophie Dooley (SD) provided an overview of AUGE's plans highlighting that the focus will be on the initial assessment process and next steps for the next year.

SD reiterated that there have been no further changes made to the Final Proposed Statement. The biggest change noted previously was in relation to Sub-Class 4 which was mainly impacted by theft data. Improved validation has been conducted on the data which is small but has large volumes. The Consumption Forecast has been reviewed from last year and the methodology has been tweaked for a number of Matrix positions which has reduced the forecast decreases. For some Matrix positions, the average AQ month-on-month has started to level-out. SD advised that Consumption Meter Error and No Read have seen some reductions however, they have very little impact on the Weighting Factors.

The reduction in UIG is driven by the Consumption Forecast. Further details can be found in the Final Proposed Statement.

David Speake (DS) presented the initial thoughts for consideration for the upcoming AUG year and provided an overview of the activities from the previous year in addition to the lessons learnt.

DS highlighted that the terms of reference impact the considerations of AUGE but changes to these could be part of the discussions going forward. DS presented further candidates for consideration.

James Hill (JH) discussed the assessment of the principles to ensure that AUGE is considering what the industry requires. JH highlighted the impact of Temporary UIG and Model Error being a point of interest recently in terms of considering if UIG can be appropriately allocated. AUGE intend to understand the theft data better to be able to understand what is going on behind the scenes.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) asked what the process is for prioritising the factors and how AUGE intend to move forward with initial assessments for the AUG Committee to review. JH advised that the process is still being formalised at this stage. AUGE are at a stage of understanding that the original model of assessing may not be appropriate. The next few weeks will be focused on finalising the prioritisation process.

DS put forward the idea of a further, separate engagement session with the Shipper community to start discussions. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea with SM adding that this session should be pitched as a workshop to get subject matter experts involved.

JH presented the proposed timetable, advising that it does not need to be met rigidly and any considerations regarding moving around would be welcome.

SM highlighted that the recent Modification (Modification 0873) which is currently being developed will carry over the AUG table.

Please see the published [slides](#) for further information.

3. Consideration of Future Projects

Fiona Cottam (FC) presented an overview of the Consideration of the Final AUG Table of UIG Weighting Factors for 2024/2025.

FC provided an overview of the milestones, highlighting that AUGE has hit all timetables, apart from being 1 day late on the Review of the Draft AUG, this was planned and due to holding back in the event to align with Ofgem's decision on Mod 0831/A.

FC provided an overview of the In-Flight Modifications.

- Modification 0862 does not affect the development of the table or the processes.
- Modification 0868 is proposing a 3-year cycle which does not affect the year. The timetable under the new rules may take effect from October 2028 and will therefore not affect the table.
- Modification 0873 is the new Modification being proposed by SM. Procurement will need to be paused until an outcome on Modification 0878 has been obtained as this may provide an opportunity to roll over the table instead of creating a new one to fit into the cycle. It will therefore not affect the timetable.

FC advised that unless an amendment to the AUG table is proposed, it will be deemed as approved with no formal vote required.

A typographical error was identified and FC noted that this would be corrected prior to the UNCC meeting.

SM asked in relation to the feedback, whether CDSP could blend this with Modification 0868 and whether any views can be obtained as it relates to engagement from industry. FC advised this

was a good point to draw industry’s attention to and to query whether any feedback on the current process could be obtained.

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4. Next Steps

EF and DS discussed the potential workshop with DS advising he will consider some appropriate dates. DS queried whether a Joint Office chair and technical secretary would be required due to the session focusing on informal discussions, EF agreed to check. DS advised he will confirm the date to the Joint Office with around 2 weeks’ notice to allow for the distribution list to be confirmed.

5. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

6. Diary Planning

AUG Committee meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/AUG>

All other Joint Office events are available via: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time/Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	AUG Sub-Committee Agenda
10:00 Friday 28 June 2024	5pm Wednesday 19 June 2024	Microsoft Teams	TBC