

Governance Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 18 July 2013

at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Bob Fletcher (Secretary)	(BF)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Barnes	(AB)	Gazprom
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Chris Hill	(CH)	Consumer Focus
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Centrica
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Ewan Thorburn	(ET)	Ofgem
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Phil Broom	(PM)	GDF Suez
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Robert Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities

* by teleconference

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 There were no outstanding actions to review.

2.0 Workgroups

2.1 Modification 0448 - Aligning UNC with Licence Conditions relating to European legislative change

(papers at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0448/180713)

3.0 Issues

3.1 ISS 030 - Review Group 0334 – Action Plan

There were no further updates.

3.2 ISS 053 Options for the provision of legal text

AR advised that a number of concerns had been raised by their legal team regarding as and when text is produced and funded. This would require a modification to progress alternative options for its provision and place costs where they were incurred.

PB was concerned about charging for the provision of text– should the service be contestable or centrally provided as the timely provision or quality of text was a concern for shippers. CB was concerned that this could lead to a duplication of costs as Transporters would still want to check the text before it is implemented.

JF advised that Transporters used to provide text at the request of Ofgem, whereas now the provision of text is for every modification and in multiple versions, which adds to the costs and delay.

CWr asked if the issue was due to the changes following the code governance review and the way they changed the provision of text. AR felt it was more of an issue that text is provided for each modification regardless of its development and that it might be amended leading to another version of text – perhaps it would be prudent for text to be requested once the proposer has provided fully developed business rules.

AR advised that further considerations would be provided at the next meeting.

4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

5.0 Diary Planning for Workgroup

The next meeting is planned for:

Thursday 15 August 2013, at the ENA (London), following the UNC Committee meeting.