

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of Meeting 192 held on Thursday 17 October 2019
at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees			
Voting Members:			
Shipper Representatives		Transporter Representatives	
A Green (AG), Total		D Mitchell (DM), SGN	
D Fittock (DF)*, Corona Energy		G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent	
M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower		J Cooper (JC)*, BUUK	
M Jones (MJ), SSE		P Hobbins (PH), National Grid NTS	
R Fairholme (RF)*, Uniper		R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities	
		T Saunders (TS)*, Northern Gas Networks	
Non-Voting Members:			
Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
Mark Shurmer (MS)	L King (LK)		
Also, in Attendance:			
E Rogers (ER), Xoserve; L O'Shaughnessy (LO'S), Joint Office; M Perry (MP), Xoserve (Item 192.4c only); P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Hailes (RH), Panel Secretary; R Hinsley (RHi), National Grid (Item 192.4b only); and J Cunningham, Cornwall Insight.			

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/171019>

192.1. Note of any alternates attending meeting

D Mitchell (DM), SGN - Alternate for H Chapman, SGN
 A Green (AG), Total Gas & Power – Alternate for S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom
 P Hobbins (PH), National Grid – Alternate for D Lond, National Grid.

192.2. Apologies for Absence

S Mulinganie
 H Chapman
 D Lond

192.3. Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

MS explained that as there were essentially no Committee matters at the last meeting, there was no requirement to approve the minutes. There were no live actions to discuss.

192.4. Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) UNC Validation Rules Amendment

ER introduced the amendment which will suspend the Inner Tolerance validation for Class 3 Supply Meter Points in EUC 01 as a result of Modification 0700). She highlighted the amendments have been taken to Distribution WG, though no implementation date was available at that point. Committee approval was sought, noting that there is now a scheduled implementation of 19 October 2019. She asked Committee Members to note that the project team have highlighted there is a slight risk that this date will not be possible. If implementation was not possible on 19 October, she confirmed the CDSP will confirm to UNCC when implementation is going to be.

The Committee determined by show of hands as follows.

The UNCC Members provided unanimous approval of UNC Validation Rules v5.2 with implementation to be between 17 October and 20 November 2019.

New Action 1001: Code Administrator (J O) to add UNC Validation Rules v5.2 to the UNCC agenda for November to review implementation date.

b) Real Time Demand Data

MS welcomed RHi to the meeting in her new capacity with National Grid. RHi introduced the change which is to include Real Time Demand Data in the UNC Data Dictionary to provide appropriate governance of the data items, highlighting this has come out of the National Grid's ongoing 'Operational Data Enhancements Project'. She noted this is a small change which will enable an increasing amount of more relevant data to be available to industry, in line with the recommendations of Government's Energy Data Taskforce¹. Data items and examples were briefly reviewed by the Committee.

RHi confirmed the proposal had been discussed at Transmission Workgroup and various other forums, though no implementation date was available at that point. These forums were happy with the proposal.

¹ Energy Data Taskforce. More information can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/energy-data-taskforce>

RP enquired whether the items are UNC defined terms; RHi confirmed the data items are a mixture of UNC defined terms plus additional data items. She added that in future National Grid will do a reconciliation procedure to flag which are mandated by the EU, or by the UNC. RP further enquired why there appeared to be only transmission related items. RHi noted that some items relate to LDZ data, adding there may be a move in future to work with the CDSP to create a single bigger dictionary for the whole gas industry.

She confirmed that the UNC Data Dictionary is mandated in the UNC Operations Reporting Manual. Both documents would be updated to v13 following approval.

The UNC Data Dictionary can be found here:

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tpddocs>

Once approved, v13 will be uploaded to replace v12.

The Committee determined as follows.

The UNCC Members provided unanimous approval of UNC Data Dictionary v13 and UNC Operations Reporting Manual v13.

c) Update on DESC Seasonal Normal Review for October 2020

MP introduced the item, noting the aim was to keep UNCC updated on actions by DESC regarding the five-yearly review of the Composite Weather Variable (CWV) (UNC Section H 1.4.3) and the Seasonal Normal equivalent (SNCWV) (UNC Section H 1.5.3). He briefly reminded the Committee of the purpose and functions of the UNCC Sub-Committee known as “Demand Estimation Sub Committee” (DESC) and noted that the CWV and SNCWV are key building blocks in the production of demand models, profiles (ALPs/DAFs), peak load factors and the Non-Daily Metered (NDM) allocation formula. The previous 5 yearly review took place in 2014 with revised values in place from 01 October 2015. These remain in place until 30 September 2020. The review will conclude by the end of 2019 so that the modelling work for October 2020 can commence at the beginning of 2020.

MP highlighted that DESC will likely reach a conclusion at its meeting on 09 December 2019 and would like to provide a summary of outcomes to UNCC in December 2019, Committee Members confirmed this was appropriate, especially given the complexity of the subject area. MB asked MP to provide, in addition, some information on the likely impact of the changes, for example:

- Financial impact
- Year on year movement
- Parties impacted
- Retrospective or forecast impacts
- More or less volatility
- More or less certainty

- Higher or lower reconciliation to reads.

MP confirmed that DESC's priority is to ensure reconciliation is minimised, by getting initial allocation at D+5 as accurate as possible. He noted that demand models are not perfect, and that the modelling error has to be in UIG, therefore the aim is to eradicate modelling error. Shoulder months are of great interest. He confirmed he would endeavour to provide the information requested in December.

Committee Members confirmed they were happy with DESC's progress and direction on this to date and thanked MP for his update.

New Action 1002: Code Administrator (J O) to add Summary of outcomes for DESC Seasonal Normal Review to the UNCC agenda for December for discussion.

192.5. AOB

None.

192.6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 21 November 2019, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting on that date (note there is an extraordinary Panel on 01 November but no UNCC meeting that day).

Action Table (17 October 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1001	17/10/19	192.4a)	Code Administrator (J O) to add UNC Validation Rules v5.2 to the UNCC agenda for November to review implementation date.	Code Administrator (J O)	Pending
1002	17/10/19	192.4c)	Code Administrator (J O) to add Summary of outcomes for DESC Seasonal Normal Review to the UNCC agenda for December for discussion.	Code Administrator (J O)	Pending