

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 183 Meeting held on Thursday 21 February 2019
at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (G), Total and alternate for D Fittock and E Proffitt G Wood (GW), British Gas M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower R Fairholme (RFa), Uniper S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), Cadent D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), SGN S Coughlan (SC), Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks J Cooper* (JC), BUUK

Non-Voting Members:

Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
M Shurmer (MS),	J Dixon		

Also in Attendance:

E Rogers (ER), Xoserve; F Cottam* (FC) Xoserve; L Biginton* (LB), Utilita; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RFI), Secretary; S Britton (SBr), Cornwall Insight; T Davis* (TD), Barrow Gas

** by teleconference*

183.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Green for D Fittock, Corona Energy and E Proffitt, MEUC

S Coughlan for R Pomroy, Wales & West Utilities

183.2 Apologies for Absence

D Fittock, Corona Energy

E Proffitt, MEUC

R Pomroy, Wales & West Utilities

183.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

Members approved the minutes from 17 January 2019 meeting.

183.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) AUGE Stakeholder Evaluation Committee Members

FC provided an update on the nominations received for the AUGE Stakeholder Evaluation Committee and the progress made to date in terms of preparation for the AUGE procurement event.

FC observed that only two nominations were received for the AUGE Stakeholder Evaluation Committee. While Panel and FC thought this was ok, it was suggested that the ability to join the Committee could be raised at the next Distribution Workgroup Meeting.

The Chair of the Distribution Workgroup agreed to include the item under AOB for the next meeting.

FC reconfirmed the approach to procurement that was agreed at the previous meeting, highlighting the main milestones with a targeted appointment by January 2020.

FC agreed to provide regular updates to the UNCC to confirm milestones were being achieved.

b) Sharing IX Equipment

TD provided a paper explaining that currently the UNC is silent on the whether a Shipper could provide IX services on behalf of an IGT. The UNC currently allows Shippers to offer this service to other Shippers. The Shipper wanted to offer these services due to the very limited operation of the IGT, which was for one pipeline connecting a biodigester to the NTS, therefore the data flows would be minimal.

TD noted that although Xoserve were comfortable with the approach, they were reluctant to allow such an initiative without a view from the UNCC.

DL confirmed that they were content with the approach but felt the risk resided between the two parties and felt that a change to Code wasn't needed at this time.

SM wanted to ensure there were no precedents being and suggested that the UNCC clearly caveat the reasons why this initiative was to be facilitated. Although utilisation was nominal in this case, he didn't want acceptance to create a precedent for blanket acceptance of other such requests.

HC agreed that this should not formally amend the existing process and should be seen as an isolated event.

Members agreed that this initiative does not set a precedent and should Xoserve receive similar requests they would need to be discussed at UNCC prior to the service being established.

c) Subcommittee Membership Appointment Period

MB asked Members to note that recently PAC had discussed the duration of Committee memberships and felt it would be beneficial to review the rules to ensure membership periods were suitable for each committee. PAC intended to submit a paper to UNCC with recommendations and felt it would be beneficial if other committees were requested to do the same so that there was a coordinated approach rather than piecemeal.

He also wanted to consider if memberships should be managed so that not all places are up for change at the same time to remove the risk of a significant change in committee membership from year to year. GW suggested this would be similar to SEC, where only a number of posts were re-elected each year. MB was willing to consider wider views and other industry operating practices.

PG agreed a review would be useful but currently there were other competing industry priorities at present and it might be worth holding this issue until there was more time for consideration.

It was agreed to defer further consideration until more formal proposals were available.

183.5 AOB

- a) None raised.

183.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is:

21 March 2019, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (21 February 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
					Pending