

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes
Wednesday 23 March 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Yvonne Reid-Healy (Chair)	(YRH)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office
Anthony Perchard	(AP)	DNV
Colin Wainwright	(CW)	SGN
Clive Whitehand	(CW _h)	DNV
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Gregory Edwards	(GE)	Centrica
James Doyle	(JD)	Out Fox the Market
John Trounson	(JT)	BU-UK
Julie Chou	(JC)	Wales & West Utilities
Matt Marshall	(MM)	Cadent
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	Northern Gas Networks
Peter Morgan	(PM)	SGN
Simon Holden	(SH)	IADS (Observer)
Tom Stuart	(TS)	Wales & West Utilities

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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Yvonne Reid-Healy (YRH) welcomed parties to the meeting.

1.1. Quoracy Status

The meeting was deemed to be quorate.

1.2. Approval of Minutes (12 January 2022)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.3. Approval of Last Papers

None to consider.

2.0 Shrinkage and Leakage Report Consultation Update

Colin Wainwright (CW) provided a brief verbal update on the progress made to date explaining that the Shrinkage and Leakage Report consultation had closed out on 22 March 2022 with two comprehensive (and detailed) responses being submitted by OVO and Centrica. When asked, CW confirmed that historically two (2) responses to these types of consultation is the normal number.

CW went on to advise that the expectation is that the Final Shrinkage and Leakage Report (including responses) would be published no later than 31 March 2022.

Concluding the discussions, the other Gas Distribution Network representatives in attendance thanked Colin (SGN) for pulling together this piece of work on their behalf.

3.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0101: Joint Office (YRH) to speak to the incumbent Chair about how or what the Joint Office can do to engage Shippers and understand their commitment to future Shrinkage Forum meetings and discussions.

Update: In noting that she had now formally inherited the role of Chairperson for the Shrinkage Forum, YRH advised that in considering this matter the Joint Office had concluded that there is a requirement to host future Shrinkage Forum meetings (as defined within Code). As a consequence the Joint Office is proposing to engage with Shippers in order to better understand why there has been an apparent lack of engagement in more recent times.

During a brief open discussion, the following key factors were considered:

- Do the regular Distribution Workgroup shrinkage briefings potentially undermine the significance of (Shippers) attending the Shrinkage Forum meetings;
 - Historically speaking, the Shrinkage Forum was extremely well attended by the Shipper community;
- The more recent initiative for including more detail in the shrinkage reviews could potentially mean that parties are better informed and therefore do not feel the need to regularly attend the Shrinkage Forum meetings, and
- It is noted that the current wave of virtual Teams style meetings has added value whilst also saving costs and minimising environmental impacts.

YRH advised that she would ensure that the Joint Office considers future meeting frequency requirements, especially in light of the regular Distribution Workgroup meeting updates, and thereafter look to provide an update at the 21 September 2022 SF meeting.

It was agreed by those in attendance to carry forward the action. **Carried Forward**

4.0 Any Other Business

4.1. Own Gas Use Update (GDNs)

During a brief verbal update, Clive Whitehand (CWh) advised that he had spoken with the GDNs around items such as data landscape and data set (SCARDA and meter read data etc.) and that work remains ongoing on this matter.

CWh also advised that at some point the GDNs would possibly need to approach Ofgem to request a funding provision. Once that stage is completed, all parties would have a better understanding of the associated process timelines – it was pointed out that the consultation documentation contained more information around the process stages and timelines.

When Emma Buckton (EB) advised that the GDNs are currently considering how best to provide a consistent approach to providing their respective data, YRH advised that she would look to ensure a new agenda item is added to the 21 September 2022 SF meeting agenda to ensure the continued progression of this matter.

5.0 Next Steps

YRH confirmed the next steps to be considered at the September meeting as being:

- Final Shrinkage and Leakage Report Update
- Own Gas Use Update

6.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Forum meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
09:30, Wednesday 21 September 2022	17:00, Monday 12 September 2022	Teams Meeting	Standard Workgroup Agenda

Action Table (as at 23 March 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0101	12/01/22	4.1	Joint Office (YRH) to speak to the incumbent Chair about how or what the Joint Office can do to engage Shippers and understand their commitment to future Shrinkage Forum meetings and discussions.	Joint Office (YRH)	Carried Forward Update due 21/09/22