

**Uniform Network Code Committee**  
**Minutes of the 146<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016**  
**Elxon 350 Euston Road London NW1 3AW**

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>
A Margan (AMa), British Gas C Baldwin (CB), E.ON UK P Broom (PB), Engie S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Distribution F Healey (FH), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), Scotia Gas Networks A Ross-Shaw (ARS), Northern Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities

**Non-Voting Members:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Consumer Representative</b>
A Plant (AP), Chair		

**Also in Attendance:**

A Clasper\* (AC), National Grid Distribution; K Elliott-Smith (KES), Cornwall Energy; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary and R Hinsley (RH), Xoserve.

\* by teleconference

**146.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

A Ross-Shaw for J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks)

C Baldwin for R Fairholme (Uniper)

**146.2 Apologies for Absence**

J Ferguson and R Fairholme

**146.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting**

The Minutes from the 17 March meeting were approved.

**UNCC 0201:** MH to consider how changes to the EBCR are coordinated with changes proposed by a UNC modification.

**Update:** FH advised that he intended to discuss the contents of the EBCR with LJ to agree any required changes, which would then be submitted to the EBCC for approval. **Closed**

**UNCC 0301:** RP to review the ToR and consider the following :

- i) Selection Process for Transporters (including iGT selection);
- ii) Establishing the PAC on an interim basis;
- iii) Amend the ToR based on comments received.

**Update:** RP advised that Terms of Reference (ToR) had been provided and would be discussed in item 146.4 b) below. **Closed**

**1.4.1 Matters for the Committee's Attention**

a) New AUGÉ arrangements under Modification 0473

RH provided a brief update and advised that progress is on track and that the evaluation Panel is working well. A preferred bidder was selected at the end of March and their identity would be announced around the end of June, once the formal tender process had been completed.

b) Modification 0506V - Gas Performance Assurance Framework and Governance Arrangements - implementation

RP advised that he had reviewed the UNC arrangements for the appointment of Sub-Committee representatives, based on the proposed PAC Terms of Reference (ToR). These have now been amended and that he felt that they could now be approved by the UNCC to support the establishment of the PAC.

Members determined unanimously to approve the proposed Performance Assurance Committee Terms of Reference.

RP explained that the Terms of Reference cover the appointment of DNO members to PAC. RP explained the usual election process would be to appoint Shipper PAC members from 01 October each year following the established election/nominations process. He asked if UNCC members should appoint Shipper PAC members in the

short term to ensure the PAFA appointment process could be started.

SM suggested UNCC take on the role of PAC to support the appointment of the PAFA as any short term election process would overlap the annual process and cause a degree of industry confusion.

FH confirmed that, as NTS were excluded from the process, they would not wish to nominate a PAC member based on their UNCC membership.

CB was concerned that the PAC should be established with people with the right skill set for the role.

AMa was sympathetic with this view but also noted that the UNCC does not exclude others attending its meetings if particular skills were needed. He was supportive of a quick means to establish the procurement process for the PAFA.

RP suggested that the PAC needs to be established quickly to meet the requirements of Modification 0506V. However, it should be noted this is about how Shipper representatives are appointed to the PAC: DNOs already appoint their representatives. He also suggested both processes could run simultaneously, so that the interim PAC could begin the procurement work, and the full PAC follows quickly thereafter.

RP asked how quickly an election process could be run. LJ explained that a quick rough and ready process could be adopted based on the previous year's nominated Single Points of Contacts (SPoC) provided by the Gas Forum, possibly around 6 to 8 weeks.

SM challenged the value of early elections given that the usual annual process is due to commence in June. An interim appointed arrangement could do the job until 01 October.

Members determined that each Shipper UNCC Member should either nominate themselves or a single other person for the interim PAC. Nominations to be received by the Joint Office by 28 April 2016.

The usual UNC Shipper election process is to run as expected, commencing with SPoC nominations in June.

**New Action UNC 0401: Voting Members to nominate an interim PAC member to the Joint Office by 28 April 2016.**

- c) Consequential amendments to the Standards of Service Query Management Operational Guidelines document (SoSQMod)

Members determined to consider this item at short notice.

AC explained that following changes to CMS, which were approved by UK Link Committee in December 2015, an issue has been identified just prior to the new process going live which required an amendment to the SoSQMod. It was felt that this issue should be addressed sooner rather than later to close off a potential risk that "illegally" connected assets could be legitimised without Transporters or the Gas Industry Registration Scheme being able to authorise the connection in advance.

Members determined unanimously to approve the proposed amendments to the SoSQMod.

**146.5 Any Other Business**

a) None

**146.6 Next Meeting**

Thursday 19 May 2016, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

**Action Table (21 April 2016)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
<b>UNCC 0201</b>	18/02/16	144.4 c	MH to consider how changes to the EBCR are coordinated with changes proposed by a UNC modification.	National Grid NTS (MH)	<b>Closed</b>
<b>UNCC 0301</b>	17/03/16	145.4 c	RP to review the ToR and consider the following :  i) Selection Process for Transporters (including iGT selection);  ii) Establishing the PAC on an interim basis;  iii) Amend the ToR based on comments received.	Wales & West Utilities (RP)	<b>Closed</b>
<b>UNCC 0401</b>	21/04/16	146.4 c	Voting Members to nominate an interim PAC member to the Joint Office by 28 April 2016	Voting Members	<b>Pending</b>