

**UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**  
**17 NOVEMBER 2005**

**Members Present:**

**Transporter Representatives:** B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and A Raper (National Grid UKD), R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks) who also had a proxy vote for L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities)

**User Representatives:** C Sykes (E.ON UK), P Broom (Gaz de France), S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) who also had a proxy vote for R Cross (Statoil) and M Young (British Gas Trading)

**Ofgem Representative:** J Dixon

**Consumers Representatives:** None

**Joint Office:** T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary)

**17.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting.**

S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) for R Cross (Statoil) and R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks) for L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities)

**17.2 Record of apologies for absence.**

S Jones & R Cross (Statoil) and L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities)

**17.3 Record invitees to meeting.**

M Curtis ( $e=mc^2$ ) and H Fisher (Energyquote)

**17.4 Receive report on status of Urgent Modification Proposals.**

- a) Proposal 0050 "Storage Monitor Adjustment"  
Status = Implemented 11/11/2005
- b) Proposal 0052 "Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency"  
Status = to be considered by the Panel under Agenda Item 11.
- c) Proposal 0061 'Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered'  
Status = Representations close out 21/11/2005
- d) Proposal 0062 'Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert'  
Status = Representations close out 21/11/2005
- e) Proposal 0067 'Compensation payments to Users whose gas flows are curtailed into the system following instructions received from the NEC'  
Status = Representations close out 22/11/2005

### **17.5 Consider New, Non-Urgent Modification Proposals.**

Before consideration of any new Proposals, the Chairman highlighted that 12 new SMEs had been proposed. The Panel then voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve them as SMEs. The revised listing is attached with these minutes

- a) Proposal 0063 'Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the GRE Invoice Query Incentive Scheme Methodology document referenced in Section S4.6'  
Following a presentation from M Young (BGT), the Panel failed to make a determination that the Proposal should proceed to Consultation, and hence it was referred to the Governance Workstream. The following Members cast votes in favour of the Proposal proceeding to consultation: C Sykes (E.ON UK), P Broom (Gaz de France), M Young (BGT) and S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) who also cast a proxy vote for R Cross (Statoil)
- b) Proposal 0064 'Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the CSEP Ancillary Agreement document referenced in Section J5.9'  
Following a presentation from C Sykes (E.ON UK), the Panel failed to make a determination that the Proposal should proceed to Consultation, and hence it was referred to the Governance Workstream. The following Members cast votes in favour of the Proposal proceeding to consultation: C Sykes (E.ON UK), P Broom (Gaz de France), M Young (BGT) and S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) who also cast a proxy vote for R Cross (Statoil)
- c) Proposal 0065 'Amend the BNFA Neutrality Interest Rate'  
Following a presentation from R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation.  
The Panel also voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve C Thorneywork as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Report.
- d) Proposal 0066 'Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points'  
Following a presentation from C Sykes (E.ON UK) on behalf of the Proposer, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY for the Proposal to proceed to consultation.  
The Panel also voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve D Hawkin as Subject Matter Expert to write the Modification Report.

### **17.6 Existing Modification Proposals for Reconsideration.**

None.

### **17.7 Consider New Proposals for Review.**

None.

### **17.8 Consider Terms of Reference.**

None.

### **17.9 Consider Workstream Monthly Reports.**

- a) Distribution
- b) Transmission
- c) Governance

Proposal 0055 “Extending established Unified Network Code governance arrangements to include the System Management Principles” and Proposal 0057 “Extending established Unified Network Code governance arrangements to include the Incremental Entry Capacity Release Methodology Statement (IECR)”

In recognition that the Authority had been requested for a View as to whether or not it was acceptable for additional, or alternative, change governance to be included in the UNC, the Panel voted UNANIMOUSLY to defer further consideration of these Proposals until the February meeting.

d) Offtake Arrangements

**17.10 Consider Review/Development Work Group Reports.**

None.

**17.11 Consideration of Final Modification Reports.**

a) Proposal 0052 ‘Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency’

Panel Members considered the report was in the correct form and discussed whether or not to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

Most Panel Members considered that implementation of this Modification Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objectives' of *‘the promotion of efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system’* and *‘facilitating effective competition between relevant Shippers’* and voted by Panel Majority to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

The following Members cast votes: C Sykes (E.ON UK), P Broom (Gaz de France), S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) who also cast a proxy vote for R Cross (Statoil), M Young (BGT), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks) who also cast a proxy vote for L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities) and A Raper (National Grid UKD).

**17.12 Any Other Business**

**17.13 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting.**

The Panel agreed to convene on 1 December, 1.00pm, to consider making recommendations for the Final Modification Reports for Proposals 0048 “Preparation of Legal Text for users Modification Proposals”, 0061 "Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered", 0062 "Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert" and 0067 "Compensation payments to Users whose gas flows are curtailed into the system following instructions received from the NEC". The Panel may also discuss the Workstream report on Proposals 54, “Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology Statement”, and 54a “Modification to Codify Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology”. In addition, a number of Proposals regarding Uniform Network Code Governance may be considered if the Workstream reports are available.

It was noted that the next full monthly Panel meeting is due to be held at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, on 15 December 2005.