

UNIFORM NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PANEL
MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
1 DECEMBER 2005

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), M Freeman (National Grid UKD) and L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities) also proxy vote for R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks)

User Representatives: C Sykes (E.ON UK), R Cross (Statoil), P Broom (Gaz de France), S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) and Mike Young (British Gas Trading)

Ofgem Representative: Ndidi Njoku

Consumers Representatives: None

Joint Office: T Davis (Chairman), J Majdanski (Secretary) and J Bradley (Deputy Secretary)

18.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting.

M Freeman for A Raper (National Grid UKD), L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities) for R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks)

18.2 Record of apologies for absence.

A Raper (National Grid UKD) and R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks)

18.3 Record invitees to meeting.

M Curtis (e=mc²)

18.4 Consider Workstream Reports.

18.4a) Proposal 0054/54a 'Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology Statement'

The Panel considered the report and voted UNANIMOUSLY in favour of the Proposal proceeding to consultation. They also voted unanimously for C Thorneywork to be the SME.

18.5 Consider Final Modification Reports.

18.5a) Proposal 0047 "Additional Data Requirements for DM Capacity Referrals"

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

considered that implementation of this Modification Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objective' of *'the promotion of efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system'* and voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend implementation of the Proposal.

18.5b) Proposal 0048 "Preparation of Legal Text for users Modification Proposals"

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

Some Panel Members considered that implementation of this Modification Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objective' of *'the promotion of efficiency in the administration of the code'* whereas others considered it would impede efficiency. The Panel then 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), R Cross (Statoil), M Young (BGT), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks) and L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities).

18.5c) Proposal 0061 "Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered"

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

The Proposer considered that implementation of this Modification Proposal could be expected to further the GT Licence 'code relevant objective' of *'the promotion of efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system'* whereas other Panel Members considered it would be in conflict with the objective of *'facilitating effective competition between relevant Shippers'*. The Panel then voted and two votes were cast in favour of implementation, R Hewitt (National Grid NTS) and P Broom (Gaz de France). Therefore the Panel did not recommend implementation.

18.5d) Proposal 0062 "Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert"

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 objective' of *'the promotion of efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system'* and the Panel 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), R Cross (Statoil), R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), M Freeman (National Grid UKD), B Grubb (Scotia Gas Networks) and L Spierling (Wales and West Utilities) who also cast a proxy vote for R Cameron Higgs (Northern Gas Networks).

18.5e) Proposal 0067 "Compensation payments to Users whose gas flows are curtailed into the system following instructions received from the NEC"

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

The Proposer was present as an observer at the meeting and 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'*. Other Panel Members considered that this could not be expected in light of uncertainty regarding the precise nature of what was proposed and how it would be implemented.

The Panel then voted and two votes were cast in favour of implementation, S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) and R Cross (Statoil). Therefore the Panel did not recommend implementation.

18.6 Any Other Business.

18.6a) Proposal 0068: "Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the Safety Monitor Referred to in Section Q of the Code"

Following a presentation from S Waudby (CSL), 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), S Ladle (Total Gas and Power) and R Cross (Statoil)

18.7 Conclude Meeting and Agree Date of Next Meeting.

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