

Governance Workstream Minutes

Thursday 16 November 2006

350 Euston Road, London

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Alex Barnes	(AB)	BG Group
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid UKD
Chris Wright	(CW)	BGT
David Edward	(DE)	Ofgem
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Total
John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office
Liz Spierling	(LS)	Wales & West Utilities
Mike Berrisford (Sec)	(MiB)	Joint Office
Peter Bolitho	(Pbo)	E.ON
Phil Broom	(PBr)	Gaz de France
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Shelley Rouse	(SR)	Statoil

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Minutes from Previous Workstream

Were accepted without amendment.

1.2 Review of Actions

GOV 1018: BG to provide a scope and status update on a “house keeping” Proposal for the Modification Rules.

No update available.

Carried Forward

GOV 1019: Seek an Ofgem legal on whether the receipt of a Variation Request would cause any associated Alternative Proposals to lapse.

DE indicated that he was unconcerned that the Panel and Joint Office had operated on the basis that Alternatives would not automatically lapse if the original Proposal was withdrawn.

Closed

1.3 Live Modification Proposals

TD advised members that a copy of the revised modification rules, post implementation of UNC Modification Proposal 0084 “Removal of the SME Role from the UNC Modification Rules”, are available on the UNC Document section of the Joint Office web site. The Joint Office had prepared a short presentation on the key changes which would be posted on the website alongside the minutes of this meeting.

2.0 Modification Proposals

None.

3.0 Topics

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LS stated that she wished to proceed with discussion of this Topic when time and resources permitted. It was agreed that this Topic remain on hold.

4.0 Any Other Business

Members discussed how best to interpret 'immaterial' with regard to UNC Modification Proposal Variation Requests. Consensus was reached that a reasonable test was that change could be regarded as material if making that change might be expected to alter representations made.

GE advised members that at the recent Shipper meeting, Ofgem had voiced concerns regarding named Ofgem individuals being highlighted within Workstream and other meeting minutes. It believed that this may compromise their 'no fettered discretion' stance. TD pointed out that it is widely acknowledged that the current approach does not 'commit' Ofgem to any decisions, and merely acts as a welcome and helpful indication. Members reaffirmed their belief that accurate minutes are an integral part of the process, whilst commenting that Ofgem's continued participation in industry meetings is invaluable in assisting them (and others) to make informed and timely decisions. DE advised members that Ofgem were scheduled to conduct an internal meeting to discuss these matters.

5.0 Next Meeting

21 December 2006 following the UNC Committee meeting.

Action Log – UNC Governance Workstream 16 November 2006

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner*	Status Update
GOV 1018	17/08/06	2.	Provide a scope and status update on a "housekeeping" Proposal for the Modification Rules	Scotia Gas Networks (BG)	Carried Forward
GOV 1019	19/10/06	4.1	Seek an Ofgem legal on whether the receipt of a Variation Request would cause any associated Alternative Proposals to lapse	Ofgem (DE)	Closed

* key to initials of action owners

BG – Beverley Grubb, DE – David Edward