

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 157th Meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2017
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total A Love (AL), ScottishPower A Margan (AM), British Gas R Fairholme (RF), Uniper S Mulinganie* (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), National Grid Gas Distribution D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), Scotia Gas Networks J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair		

Also in Attendance:

C Logue (CL), National Grid NTS; L Jenkins (LJ), Deputy Chair; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary; R Hinsley (RH), Xoserve; and S Britten (SB), Cornwall Energy.

157.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

None.

157.2 Apologies for Absence

None.

157.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

It was agreed to reflect more of the discussion in item 1573.4 a) in the previous meetings minutes to reflect that the nominations submission date was to be extended to encourage further nominations

The Minutes from 16 February 2017 meeting were then approved.

157.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) UNC / DSC Committee considerations

LJ advised the nominations process has concluded. It is now more representative than reported at the previous meeting although not all available seats had been taken. RP asked if it would be more beneficial to raise a modification to amend the Transition rules to run the process again in September, rather than allow the appointments to run for 18 months as this might encourage additional nominations.

AL was concerned that alternates were not eligible to vote, this requires clarification as there was no point in having an alternate. AL was also concerned around the wording which appears to imply on members can be alternates.

BF advised that usual rules for alternates applied, with the exception that where a member nominates another member to be an alternate, they must get the Chairs permission to do so, this was agreed at FGO Workgroup as a way widening industry involvement in the committees. He was not aware of any rules which prevent an alternate from voting unless the member is present at the same meeting.

Members agreed to consider raising a Fast Track modification to change the 18 month appointment window for DSC Committees. LJ advised that if this option is taken forward, a modification would need to be raised by the May Panel to be in time for the 2017/18 nominations process.

Members unanimously agreed to close this item and remove it from the agenda.

b) Performance Assurance Committee – updated “Framework Document for the (Gas) Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Scheme” for approval

LJ provided an overview of the framework following the previous month's discussions on budget/expenditure.

LJ advised that PAC's view is the intent is correct, however justification should be provided/demonstrated. AL confirmed that PAC's discretion should not be limited and that this was endorsed by Ofgem.

LJ provided an overview of the proposed changes in the document and how the DSC Contract Committee is expected to challenge that PAC has undertaken the correct justification process which should be mindful of the economic need.

SM challenged that efficiency needs to be demonstrated before the DSC budget is compromised. RP agreed with this view and wanted to see expenditure justified by PAC, as there can't be two masters of the budget.

AP agreed but he read the words in the document as intending to demonstrate this scrutiny and that this challenge would be upheld. It was agreed that adding a reference to ensuring efficiency of spend could be added to the document. LJ amended the document during the discussion to reflect this.

HC felt the priorities should be set by the DSc Contract committee and not PAC, however, this was challenged as PAC should not be prevented from undertaking any task if the cost/efficiency is justified.

HC remained concerned but conceded that PAC activities should not be subservient to other committees; the industry needs to understand that there is a budget and if compromised other activities may be impacted.

Members unanimously approved the "Framework Document for the (Gas) Energy Settlement Performance Assurance Scheme".

c) UNC Subcommittee update (inc. attendance)

BF provided an overview of the subcommittee report submitted at the previous meeting and the attendance report.

AL felt the attendance report had an error concerning HCs attendance at PAC and it was agreed to amend the report.

d) UNC Related documents (FGO amendments) for approval

BF provided a brief overview of the documents for approval, advising of the 10 listed, 8 were for approval and 2 were for information only.

Document	Nature of changes	UNCC action
Network Code Reconciliation Suppression Guidelines	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP	Unanimously Approved
Operational rules governing the supply of invoice charges via the Ad Hoc process	Change in name of Committee through which new invoice types are approved.	Unanimously Approved

Joint Office of Gas Transporters

Guidelines for the appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert and the provision of the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement	This is the Mod 0229 version for the pre Nexus (current) arrangements. Replacement of Transporter with CDSP. Defining that the volumes are provided to the Transporters, who in turn, provide these to the CDSP. This aligns to the way the services are set out in the DSC Service Description Table; the appointment of the AUGS is a direct service (obligation is on the CDSP), the use of the volumes for the invoicing function is an agency service (invoicing done on behalf of the Transporters). Note: the post Nexus version will be submitted after mod 0604 approval.	Unanimously Approved
Energy Balancing Credit Rules	Minor refinements to replace Xoserve with CDSP and GT licence and mod references.	Noted by Members
Customer Settlement Error Claims Process Guidance Document	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP	Unanimously Approved
Standards of Service Query Operational Guidelines	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP. Removal of references to incentive regime	Unanimously Approved
Shared Supply Meter Points Guide and Procedures	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP and recognise roles between Transporter, Shipper and CDSP	Unanimously Approved
Uniform Network Code Validation Rules	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP	Unanimously Approved
Guidelines to optimise the use of AQ amendment system capacity	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP	Unanimously Approved
Performance Assurance Report Register	Minor refinements to replace Transporter with CDSP	Noted by Members

- e) Modification 0518S - Shipper Verification of meter and address details following system meter removals

HC advised that this modification currently has an implementation date 01 June 2017. However, Transporters are requesting the implementation date be put back 3 months to 01 September 2017 to ensure there are no conflicts with Nexus implementation. This proposal has been discussed at Distribution Workgroup and no issues were raised.

Members unanimously approved the amended implementation date for Modification 0518S - Shipper Verification of meter and address details following system meter removals.

- f) Formal Closure of the UK Link subcommittee

BF advised that as the FGO arrangements require the activities undertaken by the UK Link Committee to be undertaken by the DSC Change Committee from 01 April 2017, the UK Link Committee should therefore be closed.

Members unanimously agreed for the UK Link Committee to be closed.

g) Clarification of UNCC position on the draft AUG statement

AM provided a paper on the AUG statement process as he felt the process was not clear. The “Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert” requires the AUGS to publish a document by 01 February, and this is the draft AUG statement (AUGS). He noted that the wording 7.1.8 is not clear as to what would be voted on. The document indicates that there may be further iterations of the draft AUGS, however the wording appears to indicate it is the original draft that is for approval by the UNCC.

AM would like to remove any ambiguity that the revised AUGS should be voted on and not the original draft AUGS where this is applicable, by amending 7.1.8 to ensure the consistent terminology so that the latest version or amended draft is voted on.

AP suggested that AM provide a marked up copy for review by the UNCC at the next meeting.

155.5 Any Other Business

None.

155.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 20 April 2017, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (16 March 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update