

Uniform Network Code Committee

Minutes of the 64th Meeting Held on Thursday 15 July 2010

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), A Raper (National Grid Distribution), J Martin (Scotia Gas Networks), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) and S Trivella (Wales & West Utilities)

User Representatives: C Wright (British Gas Trading), G Donoghue (GDF Suez), S Rouse (Statoil) and S Leedham (EDF Energy)

Ofgem Representative: J Dixon

Joint Office: T Davis (Chair) and B Fletcher (Secretary)

Observers Present: A Hall (Consumer Focus), C Sulleyman (Consumer Focus), C Cameron (Ofgem), C Shanley (National Grid NTS), Gareth Evans (Waters Wye), R Healey (RWE Npower), R Fairholme (E.ON UK) and R Street (Corona Energy)

64.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

S Rouse for A Bal (Shell), G Donoghue for P Broom (GDF Suez), A Raper for C Warner (National Grid Distribution) and J Martin for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks)

64.2 Record of Invitees to the meeting

None

64.3 Record of apologies for absence

A Bal, P Broom, R Hall, C Warner and A Gibson

64.4 Monthly Reports from Sub-Committees

64.5 Matters of Implementation

Action UNCC001: Develop AUGÉ terms of reference which sets the criteria for issuing an invitation to tender for potential AUGÉs. **Update:** Currently being developed and a Workstream meeting will be arranged once draft criteria are available. **Carried Forward.**

Action UNCC002: Arrange a Workstream meeting following UNCC0282 on 29 June 2010. **Completed**

a) 0224 – DME

S Leedham raised how implementation of UNCC0224 could be taken forward. Since the xoserve implementation plan has not been approved by the UK Link Committee, he suggested a new UNCC sub-Committee might be established to decide how to proceed.

T Davis summarised his understanding of the issue - the Transporters are on target for November implementation, but some Shippers wanted a different approach to be taken in respect of one aspect of implementation. It was accepted, however, that the Proposal had been directed to implementation and the UNC should be implemented in line with the

direction unless the requirements are changed by a subsequent Modification.

S Trivella confirmed implementation was only likely to be achieved by November if the current plan is adopted. Transporters intend submitting the implementation plan for approval at the next UK Link committee. If that is not approved, they intend escalating approval to the UNCC. He therefore requested that UNCC Members discuss the options with UK Link Committee members to see if they can support the implementation plan.

S Leedham countered that the business rules and legal text are ambiguous and should be discussed in a separate meeting to seek an agreed way forward that is consistent with the UNC. S Trivella cautioned that any changes to the implementation plan would mean the November implementation date is unlikely to be met. S Leedham asked, as an alternative, if there could be a commitment to clarify the arrangements and introduce an enduring solution as a second phase. S Trivella did not feel this was possible since there could be no pre-judgement that this would not require the UNC to be modified.

R Street suggested the Transporters could raise a Modification to provide for an alternative solution to be introduced at a later date. S Trivella explained Transporters were not minded to do this since there was no consensus among Shippers on a preferred approach.

G Donoghue was concerned that the changes being discussed were not major and, as such, might reasonably be included in the UNC0224 approved costs and plan. However, the Transporters suggested that any subsequent changes would increase costs beyond those allowed for in the ACS and would need to be paid for.

T Davis asked what the UNCC was being asked to do at this stage. G Donoghue suggested the issue could be referred to a sub-committee, which may produce a Modification Proposal to resolve the longer-term issues. S Trivella suggested the UK Link Committee could meet this remit - they already have the required knowledge and could be asked to develop a solution to resolve the issue, including developing a Modification Proposal if that were necessary.

It was agreed that there should be no further action on behalf of the UNCC at this stage.

b) 0268 – Earliest Reading Dates for AQ Revision

S Leedham asked when this Modification Proposal is likely to be implemented, and the Transporters agreed to clarify this.

64.6 Any Other Business

Discussion Paper: Effective from Date for AUGS

C Wright explained it was desirable to agree a common understanding of the legal text for UNC0229 and its implementation of the AUGS process, in particular whether any derived values would be applied retrospectively to the

AUG Year commencing April 2011. He invited the UNCC might provide their views on the discussion paper provided.

T Davis indicated that it is not part of the UNICCO's role to provide legal advice on interpretation of the UNC, and G Evans concurred that it was inappropriate for the UNCC to provide such advice.

C Wright asked Transporters how they intend to implement UNC0229 process. A Raper agreed the question is significant. However, he suggested there appears to be some ambiguity of what constitutes an AUG year and felt that UNC0313 is the right vehicle to resolve this issue.

S Leedham asked if the Transporters could clearly specify what the current legal text provides for, and A Raper agreed to consider this.

Action UNCC003: National Grid Distribution to provide their understanding of the legal text implemented for UNC0229.

64.7 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meetings as Thursday 19 August 2010, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner*	Status Update
UNCC001	17/06/10	63.6	Develop AUGE terms of reference which sets the criteria for issuing an invitation to tender for potential AUGE's	National Grid Distribution (CWa)	Carried Forward
UNCC002	17/06/10	63.6	Arrange a Workstream meeting following UNC0282 on 29 July 2010.	Joint Office (BF)	Completed
UNCC003	15/07/10	64.6	Provide their understanding of the legal text implemented for UNC0229.	National Grid Distribution (AR)	Pending