

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 172 Meeting held on Thursday 19 April 2018
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green* (AG), Total	C Warner (CW), Cadent Gas
A Love (AL), Independent	D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS
C Ziviani (CZ), Corona Energy	H Chapman (HC), SGN
G Wood (GW), British Gas	J Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks
R Fairholme (RFa), Uniper	R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities
S Mulinganie* (SM), Gazprom	N Rozier* (NR), BUUK Infrastructure

Non-Voting Members:

Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
M Shurmer (MS),	R Elliott (RE)	E Proffitt (EP) S Horne (SH)	N Anderson (NA)

Also in Attendance:

F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; K Jones (KJ), Joint Office; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RHI), Secretary; R Hinsley (RHi), Xoserve and S Britton (SBr), Cornwall Insight.

** by teleconference*

172.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

C Ziviani for E Wells, Corona Energy
G Wood for A Margan, British Gas

172.2 Apologies for Absence

A Margan
E Wells

172.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from the 15 March 2018 meeting were approved.

172.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) Annual AUGE Contract checkpoint

This item was discussed in camera by UNCC Voting Members only.

FC provided an overview of the potential UNCC options for the next AUGE contract checkpoint, so that UNCC could provide a view on the contracting strategy going forward.

It was suggested that the contracting process is reviewed to ensure that an handover between incoming and outgoing AUGE's can be managed effectively and without a roll-over of the table or re-contracting the existing provider, to ensure there is no gap in AUGE service provision.

When considering service provider options, it was noted that there were a number of parties that could provide the service and that a competitive tendering process was operated previously.

Members noted that Workgroup 0639R is progressing and may have recommendations for a future framework document and the procurement process, therefore the process should continue as is for this check point.

b) Consideration of PAC activities

AL had requested a discussion on PAC activities, making the following points:

- The Committee has been established for nearly 12 months and there does not seem to have been much progress made;
- There still appears to be no reporting being provided to the PAC on Shipper performance, despite Nexus now being in place for 10 months;
- Why isn't the PAFA being provided with the same information that the AUGE was entitled too;
- If the issues noted on Class 2 meter reading performance are significant and causing an impact to UIG, then the PAC response appears somewhat weak. Unless the PAC are getting additional information, how could anyone make an assessment of materiality or consider raising a Modification to address the performance issues?

RHi advised that as previously identified as part of Nexus, PARR Schedule 2 Reports would not be available until system release 2 was implemented, which is currently on target for June 2018. In addition, the permissions issues related to PARR Schedule 1 were now resolved and the reports will be made available soon.

AL suggested that there should be a dedicated UNCC Member who would oversee PAC, this would be similar to the process operated in electricity and PAB. Some Members felt that the Joint Office should provide this oversight, however RFI was concerned that the Joint Office was not party to the information PAC members were provided with and may not fully understand the nature and priority of issues that needed to be or should be addressed by PAC.

HC advised that there had been a discussion at PAC on links back to UNCC on its activities. RP had discussed PAC with other parties and it was noted that the PAFA was still in its first year and information is not currently available for PAC or PAFA to get to the information they require to undertake effective analysis.

It was noted that there had been draft proposals to change the membership quota for Shippers Members on the PAC. GW advised he was looking into this issues and would consider providing an amended PAC Terms of Reference following the next PAC meeting.

c) DESC membership

Members noted that a current DESC Member wished to resign and to maintain quoracy and continuity it was proposed to appoint his alternate as a full DESC Member.

Members unanimously agreed to appoint Mark Jones as replacement DESC Member for Tony Davey.

172.5 AOB

a) Validation Rules

SM provided a presentation at short notice explaining that he wanted to propose changes to the outer tolerance levels contained in the Validation Rules. This was in addition to the proposed changes provided by Xoserve and might even supersede them. These proposed changes would lean on the experience gained from operating the process for the last year following Nexus implementation.

AL asked why Shippers are filtering readings, was this a problem. SM explained that shippers filter out reads that would fail the outer tolerance as the read would be rejected, so they were ensuring only valid meter reads are submitted.

RHi advised that analysis is being undertaken to support discussions at Distribution Workgroup. However, they wanted to understand if the earlier changes or these new changes were to be progressed.

SM suggested these proposals are discussed at the next Distribution Workgroup so that a recommendation on approach can be agreed prior to seeking UNCC approval.

Members agreed that the Distribution Workgroup should be asked to provide a recommendation on the preferred implementation option for the Validation Rules.

172.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on 17 May 2018, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (19 April 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
			(none)		