

**UNC Workgroup 0844 Minutes
Enabling Direct Contractual Arrangements with Consumers for
Demand Side Response
Monday 05 June 2023
via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Benjamin Cull	(BC)	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Carlos Aguirre	(CA)	Pavilion Energy
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Davide Rubini	(DR)	Vitol
Drew Sambridge	(DS)	Cadent
Edd Green	(EG)	E.ON
Harry Hailwood	(HH)	Brook Green Supply
James Lomax	(JL)	Cornwall Insight
Joseph Leggett	(JLe)	Interconnector
Julie Cox	(JCs)	Energy UK
Matthew Newman	(MN)	National Gas Transmission
Mathew Chandy	(MC)	Ofgem
Ofordi Nabokei	(ON)	National Gas Transmission
Phil Hobbins (Proposer)	(PH)	National Gas Transmission
Sallyann Blackett	(SA)	EON Energy
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
<p><i>This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.</i></p> <p><i>The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 June 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Please note these minutes do not replicate/include detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0844/050623</i></p>		

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Late Papers

Late papers were noted for the provision of draft amendments to the Modification and Legal Text in line with workgroup discussions held on 01 June 2023. However, it was acknowledged the late papers were to be expected due to the short notice of the extraordinary meeting.

2.0 Review of Legal Text and Amended Modification Assessment

In line with Workgroup discussions held on Thursday 01 June 2023, the Proposer, Phil Hobbins (PH) provided the Workgroup with a review of the amendments agreed.

Please refer to the published draft Amended Modification Version published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0844/050623>.

Workgroup considered the Modification and its compliance with legislation, noting that if the Modification is compliant, it should be mentioned in the Modification.

PH clarified his interpretation that the Review process is within the assessment that will be conducted in DSR Options each year.

Consolidated Legal Text

In line with Workgroup discussions held on Thursday 01 June 2023, the Proposer, Phil Hobbins (PH) provided the Workgroup with a review of the combined Legal Text updates which are shown in track changes.

Workgroup agreed that the Legal Text supports the Solution.

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

EF completed final updates to the Workgroup Report in line with participants' feedback. The updated and completed Workgroup report will be published and presented to UNC Modification Panel on 15 June 2023.

SM noted it would be useful for Workgroup to suggest some panel questions for the consultation, these were noted accordingly in the Workgroup Report.

Panel Questions, Workgroup Impact Assessment and Relative Objectives sections were completed.

JCx noted that compliance with Article 9 (1) c requires that balancing services are only used where short-term products will not or are not likely to provide the response necessary to keep the Transmission network within its operational limits.

PL advised the text states that balancing services may be used where short-term standardised products will not be likely to provide the response necessary and therefore a D-5 product would be deployed upon the use of short-term standardised products where the TSO believes that the criteria would be met as evidenced by the material difference between forecasted supply and forecasted demand at D-5, plus any additional operational considerations that will inform such a decision.

Workgroup noted a longer consultation period may be required with the aim of the Final Modification Report still being submitted to the July 2023 UNC Modification Panel. The Workgroup was advised that this will require Panel members to agree to receive the Final Modification Report at short notice.

4.0 Next Steps

Expected next steps:

- Formal submission of Amended Modification which will be v4.0.
- Submission of final Legal Text and commentary aligned with that reviewed by the Workgroup
- Workgroup Report submission to UNC Modification Panel on 15 June 2023.

5.0 Any Other Business

SM noted that SEFE Energy is considering raising a Modification to update the Business Rules if this Modification is implanted whereby National Gas Transmission should be obligated under reasonable endeavours to provide Shippers with information that a DSR has been called.

SM provided the following suggested amendment that could form a new Modification to the Legal Text:

7.9.6 Where National Gas Transmission exercises a Consumer DSR Option it will use reasonable endeavours to inform the relevant ~~not inform the~~ Registered User of the Supply Meter Point of the exercise;

SM concluded that a new Modification may be raised at the appropriate time should Ofgem direct Modification 0844.

6.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

No further meetings planned