

Uniform Network Code Committee Minutes
Meeting 238 held on Thursday 17 August 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees			
Voting Members:			
Shipper Representatives		Transporter Representatives	
D Fittock (DF) Corona Energy D Morley (DM) OVO Energy O Chapman (OC) Centrica and on behalf of M Bellman R Fairholme (RF) Uniper S Mulinganie (SM) SEFE		C Gilbert (CB) BUUK D Mitchell (DMi) SGN G Dosanjh (GD) Cadent J Bates (JB) National Gas Transmission R Pomroy (RP) Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS) Northern Gas Networks	
Non-Voting Members:			
Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative	Independent Supplier Representative
W Goldwag (WG)	M Brown (MBr)		
Also, in Attendance:			
Joint Office		Observers	
P Garner (PG) B Fletcher (BF) K Elleman (KE) R Hailes (RH)		P Osler (ER) Xoserve/CDSP F Cottam (FC) Xoserve/CDSP	
Copies of all papers are available at: https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/UNCC/170823			

238.1. Introductions

W Goldwag (WG), welcomed the attendees.

238.2. Note of any alternates attending the meeting

O Chapman on behalf of M Bellman

238.3. Apologies for Absence

M Bellman

238.4. Minutes of the last meeting 20 July 2023

Approved.

238.5. Review of Action(s)

None.

238.6. Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) DESC Membership Notification

K Elleman (KE) advised the Committee (UNCC) of a request from Brook Green Supply who would like to replace Dan Stenson with Tom Parker as the Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC) Member.

Noting that under the Terms of Reference for DESC, membership changes within the year have to be agreed upon by User members of the UNCC, KE asked if any member objected to the replacement.

The Committee User members unanimously approved Tom Parker replacing Dan Stenson at DESC with immediate effect.

b) UNC Validation Document

F Cottam (FC) presented a changed marked version of the Uniform Network Code Validation Rules (UNCVR) for approval.

FC confirmed these changes had been discussed at the Distribution Workgroup and notified to the DSC Change Management Committee to confirm the additional new values that will feed into the UNC Validation Process.

D Fittock (DF) noted that there were concerns with Supplier/Shippers not meeting their meter reading submission obligations, will the proposed amendments help reduce the number of rejected meter readings. FC advised that the CDSP intends to model the potential impacts but the proposed changes should be considered as an enabler to support the submission of meter readings.

M Brown (MBr) asked if there is an associated impact on consumers if the read submission fails. FC advised if the read is resubmitted within timescales, then settlement should not be impacted and this might then feed through to customer direct debits. However, the number of rejections means that a Shipper is not able to investigate and amend the rejected meter reading in time which means the AQ is not resolved quickly, and this might impact the direct debit.

D Morley (DM) noted that meter reads not reaching settlement does not mean a read available to be used by a Supplier for billing purposes and therefore it does not mean consumers are impacted.

The Committee unanimously approved the changes for publication at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tpddocs>

It was advised that an extraordinary Change Pack will be provided to the industry following the approval.

238.7. Any Other Business

a) Decision to Implementation Lead Times

S Mulinganie (SM) asked if it is possible to track the time between approval and actual implementation for approved Modifications, particularly those with system impacts. A Modification has not been implemented even though Ofgem approved 4 years ago and now there is a modification in flight to down scope or remove its approved requirements as some parties believe the benefits have timed out. He noted that other Codes may have similar issues and are looking for ways to address these issues.

WG understood there is a process to manage central system changes with the DSC arrangements and DSC Change Management Committee. However, the UNCC currently has no process of information to monitor this situation. WG suggested a document is made

available to track Modifications once they have been approved and are waiting for implementation.

DF agreed and felt that some Modifications are taking too long without any reasons being provided for this. Information is required to understand the different reasons for implementation and what the Modification or proposer expects.

P Osler (PO) agreed there might be a gap in the information collated for DSC Change Proposals that are in flight and linked to the implementation of Modifications. DSC Change Management Committee members are updated but this document is not currently shared with other industry groups.

PO presented the document presented to the DSC Change Management Committee which highlighted the DSC Change Proposals in flight, including those related to Modifications, REC Changes and DSC only changes. The document includes what has been delivered within the current year and if a Change Proposal was on hold. He suggested an amended document could be provided with additional information such as approval dates and how long a Change Proposal has been in the system.

SM was still concerned about what is being done to progress those that fall outside the usual process and what we can do to track them.

R Fairholme (RF) asked if the UNCC can request the DSC Change Management Committee to provide a view to UNCC rather than an action being placed on Xoserve.

DF asked if the document can be limited in UNC Modifications with REC and DSC only changes removed or filtered out.

New Action 0801: The DSC Change Management Committee is requested to provide a monthly report identifying approved Modifications and their associated DSC Change Proposal. The information is to include days in the process following Modification approval, if on hold the reason why and expected delivery date or expected release.

238.8. Date of Next Meeting(s):

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

All UNCC meetings will be held immediately after the UNC Modification Panel.

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue
Thursday 21 September 2023	5pm Wednesday 13 September 2023	In Person & Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
Thursday 19 October 2023	5pm Wednesday 11 October 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
Thursday 16 November 2023	5pm Wednesday 08 November 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams & In Person
Thursday 14 December 2023	5pm Wednesday 06 December 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams

UNCC Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Reporting Month	Status Update
0801	17/08/23	238.7a)	The DSC Change Management Committee is requested to provide a monthly report identifying approved Modifications and their associated DSC Change Proposal. The information is to include days in the process following Modification approval, if on hold the reason why and expected delivery date or expected release.	Joint Office (RH)	September 2023	Pending