

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 161st Meeting held on Thursday 20 July 2017
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
Attendees

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Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total A Margan (AM), British Gas A Love (AL), ScottishPower M Jones (MJ), SSE R Fairholme (RF), Uniper S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	C Warner (CW), Cadent Gas M Hatch (MH), National Grid NTS D Mitchell (DM), SGN Joanna Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities N Rozier (NR), BUUK Infrastructure

Non-Voting Members:

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

Also in Attendance:

F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Hailes (RHa), Secretary; R Hinsley (RHi), Xoserve; S Britton (SB), Cornwall Energy.

161.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

D Mitchell for H Chapman, SGN
M Hatch for D Lond, National Grid NTS

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161.3 Apologies for Absence

H Chapman
D Lond

161.4 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from 15 June 2017 meeting were approved

161.5 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) Consideration of Final Table for Unidentified Gas Weighting Factors (*for approval*)

FC presented the topic and sought approval of the published table, noting positively the availability of the new version of code on the Joint office of Gas Transporters website. According to code, the statement is in actual fact a methodology document, the table is then developed by the AUG. Several parties expressed dissatisfaction with the final table produced, citing shrinkage error values of zero being deemed inappropriate. AP clarified that Panel could either approve the latest published table, unanimously approve an alternate or require a further iteration. Some parties (including AM and AL) strongly suggested that the table published earlier in the process should be approved instead and noted that the final published table has financial implications which could affect customers in fuel poverty. This proposal was not approved by panel, with AM, AL and MJ voting in favour and the rest against. As no alternative table was unanimously approved, the final published table was approved

b) Consideration/Review of 2017/18 AUG Process

AM introduced the topic. During discussion, several points were raised:

- AM garnered some support for his view that the process has not been robust.
- SM suggested it should be clarified as to whether the AUG should consider upstream matters and thus whether Transporters should have their own table.
- AM sought clarification as to whether the AUG must look at UIG inputs. FC confirmed that the AUG must consider any items contributing to UIG and since shrinkage feeds into the daily balance on the LPZ, it contributes to UIG.
- Shrinkage is a license issue; LJ clarified that Code cannot change a license requirement.
- AM and AL felt clarification of the whole AUG process would be desirable. It was noted that improving the process would need to be through a modification.
- Clarification on the length of the AUG contract was also sought.

FC will launch a formal process seeking views of industry at the next UNCC meeting.

160.5 Any Other Business

a) Non-voting members at PAC

This topic was briefly discussed. Panel recognised that since all PAC members have signed a confidentiality agreement, all members have equal access to information. Membership of PAC will change after the new gas year.

160.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 17 August 2017, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (20 July 2017)

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