

UNC 0635 Workgroup Minutes
Reforms to incentivise accurate and timely DM reads to improve the
accuracy of Unidentified Gas allocation
Friday 05 January 2018
at Energy UK, Charles House 5-11 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andrew Margan	(AM)	Centrica
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Chris Warner	(Cwa)	Cadent
Claire Towler	(CT)	SSE
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Debbie Brace	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans	(GE)	WatersWye
Jeremy Guard	(JG)	First Utility
John Welch*	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	(E.ON)
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Orsted
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Nicky Rozier*	(NR)	BUUK
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	Xoserve
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales and West Utilities
Roger Somoo	(RS)	Utility Warehouse
Rowan Hazell*	(RH)	Cornwall Insight
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shardul Pandit*	(SP)	Wales and West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom
Tahera Choudhury*	(TC)	Xoserve

* via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0635/050118>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 April 2018.

1. Introduction and Status Review**1.1. Approval of Minutes (05 January 2018)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Status Review

BF confirmed that draft UNC Modification 0635A *Reforms to incentivise accurate and timely DM reads to improve the accuracy of Unidentified Gas allocation* and the corresponding draft legal

text that had been provided this meeting would be used as a pre modification discussion opportunity.

DM provided an update on the draft legal text for UNC Modification 0635. He stated that there was a question in relation to Section M and an amendment had been made to include all types of DR sites, in addition, to the removal of a redundant clause. He informed the Workgroup that the legal text was not ready for discussion and more time was needed to review the alternate proposal.

2. Review of Draft Alternate Modification

RP introduced the draft modification stating that it simplified some sections of UNC Modification 0635 by passing the responsibility for Class 1 reads to Shippers. Currently Class 1 reads are a sole Transporter obligation and this modification would remove this restriction (except for NTS directly connected sites and those DNO sites with telemetry equipment) to give Shippers responsibility for making their own arrangements for obtaining meter reads at Class 1 Supply Meter Points in addition to Class 2 sites.

CW commented that safeguards should be put in place so that Shippers abilities to procure their own meter reads are not compromised.

A lengthy discussion then took place in relation to the proposed solution and the following comments/questions were raised:

A question was asked whether any amendments were required to Class 1 service given that UNC Modification 0466 *Daily Meter Reading Simplification (with improved within day data provision)* had changed some of the provisions and therefore do they still apply? RP confirmed that this proposal changes the obligations and not any elements of Class 1 obligations.

GE asked if Class 1 and Class 2 sites should be merged? RP advised that the Transporter would still require read information to be provided for Class 1 sites due to their size so it would seem sensible to maintain separate classes.

JG as the proposer for UNC Modification 0635 agreed that the alternate draft modification was a good idea in principle. However, he questioned whether it was an alternate in the context of the modification titles and purpose which was about improved facilitation and he could see that UNC 0635 and the proposed alternate were significantly different.. BF clarified that an alternative modification can have a different title but the key question is whether it addresses the same issue?

RP confirmed that he did not wish to obstruct UNC Modification 0635 and was willing to be flexible in response to feedback to consider a stand-alone modification but this would require significant amendment. He welcomed views from the Workgroup on the best way forward.

GE believed that there are possibly 3 or 4 clauses in relation to Class 1 obligations that would require amendment.

In response to a question about how long it would take to deploy UNC Modification 0635 Xoserve suggested that it could take 3-4 months to develop the solution. It was suggested that Shippers would be concerned that they are not prepared to take on the new obligations as proposed in the alternate modification.

In addition, RH stated that both UKLink and Gemini would be impacted and would require a change proposal to be raised for the DSC process.

A protracted and repeated discussion on UNC Modification 0635 and the proposed draft alternate in respect of whether it is an alternate resulted in an update from JG confirming the intention to remove Class 1 from UNC Modification 0635. An amended modification would

follow. In addition, RP confirmed the intention to submit a new modification covering just Class 1.

3. Issues

No new issues were raised.

4. Next Steps

4.1.

Text.

5. Any Other Business

None raised.

6. Outstanding Action(s)

There were no outstanding actions.

7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 25 January 2018	Lansdowne Gate 65 New Road Solihull B91 3DL	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Impacts and Costs • Review of Relevant Objectives • Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts • Consider alternate modification • Consideration of Legal Text • Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 05 January 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update