

Joint Office of Gas Transporters

Welcome to the March 2020 Newsletter

The Joint Office Newsletter is issued on a monthly basis and is intended to provide an overview of what is happening across the Uniform Network Code (UNC) governance arena. In this Newsletter, we have provided an overview of progress across everything we do, please refer to the Table of Contents below.

Please note due to COVID-19 pandemic, within this edition there are references to both February and March meetings/updates.

COVID-19 UPDATE

At the Joint Office of Gas Transporters we are acutely aware that Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an extremely challenging and unprecedented event. The gas industry is experiencing challenging operational issues, having to introduce new practices and procedures. We want to ensure you of our continued support and commitment during these challenging times. The Joint Office of Gas Transporters will continue to support you wherever we can. We want to continue talking and working with the gas industry through these challenging times to ensure that the industry is supported in any decisions and actions it needs to take.

Whilst our Radcliffe Office is closed, the Joint Office of Gas Transporters will be fully operational via a variety of platforms. All our industry meetings will continue as published on the events page of our website. www.gasgovernance.co.uk/index.php/events-calendar/month

If you would like to communicate with us directly please contact enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk

Kind regards

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Implementation Dates

UNC Ref	Title	Date
0651	Changes to the Retrospective Data Update provisions	To be determined
0692S	Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency	To be determined
0707S	Introducing 'Performance Assurance Framework Administrator' as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix	14 April 2020

UNC Modification Panel

New Modifications February UNC Modification Panel

<p>New Modification 0715S - Amendment of the Data Permission Matrix to add Electricity System Operator (ESO) as a new User type www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0715</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup established. Consideration will be incorporated within the Distribution Workgroup. Self-Governance status will apply. Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel on the 21 May 2020.
<p>New Modification 0716 - Revision of Overrun Charge Multiplier www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0716</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup established. Consideration will be incorporated within the Transmission Workgroup. Authority Direction will apply. Workgroup report to be presented to Panel on 18 June 2020.

Workgroup Reports February	
<p>Modification 0664 - Transfer of Sites with Low Read Submission Performance from Class 2 and 3 into Class 4 www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0664</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued to Consultation. Closed on 19 March 2020. Final Modification Report will be presented to Panel on the 16 April 2020.
<p>Request 0676R - Review of Gas Transporter Joint Office Arrangements www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0676</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request returned to Workgroup for further assessment. Workgroup Report will be presented to Panel on the 16 July 2020.
<p>Modification 0707S - Introducing 'Performance Assurance Framework Administrator' as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0707</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued to Consultation. Closed on 12 March 2020. Final Modification Report was presented to Panel on 19 March 2020
<p>Modification 0711S - Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0711</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued to Consultation. Closed on 12 March 2020. Final Modification Report was presented to Panel on 19 March 2020
<p>Modification 0712S - Amending the oxygen content limit in the Network Entry Agreement (NEA) at the St Fergus SAGE plant www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0712</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued to Consultation. Closed on 19 March 2020. Final Modification Report will be presented to Panel on the 16 April 2020.
Final Modification Reports February	
<p>Modification 0690S - Reduce qualifying period for Class 1 www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0690</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new issues were identified within representations Implementation was unanimously supported. The implementation date will be confirmed by the Transporters. Deadline for appeals was 5pm 16 March 2020.
New Modifications March UNC Modification Panel	
<p>New Request 0719R - Calculation of Energy Value of Gas www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0719</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request Workgroup established. Consideration will be incorporated within the Offtake Arrangements Workgroup Workgroup report to be presented to Panel on 17 September 2020.
<p>New Modification 0720S - Amendments to the Agreed Target Quantity at the Moffat Interconnection Point www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0720</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup established. Consideration will be incorporated within the Transmission Workgroup. Self-Governance status will apply. Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel on the 16 July 2020.
Variation Request March	
<p>Modification 0696V – Addressing inequities between Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NEXAs www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0696</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel determined the Variation Request was not a material change and will therefore continue through the Modification process. Panel requested Legal Text. Workgroup Report to be presented to 16 April

	2020 Modification Panel.
Workgroup Reports March	
<p>Modification 0691S – CDSP to convert Class 2, 3 or 4 meter points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0691</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modification returned to Workgroup for further assessment. Legal Text requested. Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel on the 18 June 2020.
<p>Modification 0702S – Introducing ‘Research Body’ as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix and UNC TPD Section V5 www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0702</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued to Consultation. Closing on 09 April 2020. Final Modification Report will be presented to Panel on the 21 May 2020.
<p>Modification 0708S – Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0708</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modification returned to Workgroup for further assessment. Legal Text requested. Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel on the 16 April 2020.
<p>Modification 0713S – Amendments to TPD V3.1.7 Independent Assessment table www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0713</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued to Consultation. Closed on 02 April 2020. Final Modification Report will be presented to Panel on the 16 April 2020.
<p>Request 0705R – NTS Capacity Access Review www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0705</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim update provided to March Panel. Next meeting was 02 April 2020.
Final Modification Reports March	
<p>Modification 0707S - Introducing ‘Performance Assurance Framework Administrator’ as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0707</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new issues were identified within representations Implementation was unanimously supported Self-Governance Implementation at 05.00 on 14 April 2020. Deadline for appeals is 09 April 2020
<p>Modification 0711 – Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0711</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new issues were identified within representations. Panel reviewed the Self-Governance status of the Modification and agreed that the criteria for Self-Governance was not met. Authority Direction will apply. Implementation was recommended.
Modification Withdrawals	
<p>0717 - Increasing the Storage Transmission Capacity Charge Discount to 80% www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0717</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdrawn 26 March 2020
<p>0718/A/B/C - Introduction of a Conditional Discount for Avoiding Inefficient Bypass of the NTS www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0718</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdrawn 26 March 2020

Workgroup Extensions	
Modification 0697 – Alignment of the UNC TPD Section V5 and the Data Permissions Matrix www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0697	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 19 March 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 21 May 2020
0674 – Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0674	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 19 March 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 18 June 2020.
0693R – Treatment of kWh error arising from statutory volume–energy conversion www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0693	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 19 March 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 18 June 2020.
0646R - Review of the Offtake Arrangements Document www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0646	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 16 April 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 15 October 2020.
0683S - Offtake Arrangements Document (OAD) Review Updates – Phase 1 www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0683	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 16 April 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 21 May 2020.
0691S - CDSP to convert Class 3 or 4 meter points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0691	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 19 March 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 18 June 2020.
0708S - Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0708	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 19 March 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 16 April 2020.
0710 - CDSP provision of Class 1 read service www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0710	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup Report was due 16 April 2020. Workgroup Reports extended to 18 June 2020.
Extraordinary Panel – Friday 27 March 2020 0711 – Update of AUG Table to reflect new EUC bands www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0711	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Final Modification Report was issued to Ofgem on 27 March 2020 awaiting their decision on implementation.

UNC Committee (UNCC) Matters

- UNCC have been informed that the Energy Balancing Credit Committee (EBCC) members have agreed to change the frequency of meetings from monthly to quarterly.

Distribution Workgroup

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dist

Meetings were held on 27 February and 27 March 2020. The following was discussed/progressed:

- 0696V – Addressing inequities between Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs**
Following Ofgem’s request that this Modification be the subject of further development and enhanced reporting, the Workgroup has continued to develop and refine the proposal, to the extent that it has now been the subject of a Variation Request. The Workgroup has considered the varied request, (to include some provisions relating to interaction of ratchets and NExA specified capacity), and a new Workgroup Report is due to be presented to Panel on 16 April 2020.
- 0697S – Alignment of the UNC TPD Section V5 and the Data Permissions Matrix (DPM)**

The Modification has been the attention of much discussion over the previous two months, and the amended Modification is due to be discussed at the April Meeting. The new Modification seeks to transfer certain aspect relating to data access provision from the UNC and place greater emphasis on DSC governed documents. The next stage will be to refine the Modification and to consider developing the legal text.

- **0701 – Aligning Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in the relevant NExAs**

In line with Modification 0696V, this proposal has completed its development and drafting stage and a Workgroup Report is due to be presented to Panel on 16 April 2020.

- **0704S – Review of Transporter Theft Reporting (New to Distribution Workgroup)**

The Modification is to reform the Theft of Gas reporting obligations in the UNC, as part of a wider rationalisation in this area has now finished its development phase. The Workgroup Report was finalised at the March Workgroup and will be submitted to the April Panel with a recommendation that the Draft Modification Report is circulated for consultation.

- **0710 – CDSP provision of Class 1 read service**

The Modification is to move the DM read obligation from transporters to the CDSP continues in the development phase. The first draft of the Legal Text has been provided by Wales & West Utilities for consideration by the Workgroup with an expectation that this would be reviewed at the April meeting.

- **0715 - Amendment of the Data Permissions Matrix to add Electricity System Operator (ESO) as a new User type**

On 01 April 2019 National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) was established as a separate legal entity within the National Grid Group. To retain access to gas data, used to create two forecasting documents that the ESO is responsible for, some gas industry data-access provisions need to be re-established, To do this, a Modification is required to establish the data release provisions in both the UNC and the Data Permissions Matrix (DPM). The Workgroup Report was finalised at the March Workgroup and will be submitted to the April Panel with a recommendation that the Draft Modification Report is circulated for consultation.

- **CSS Consequential Changes – Detailed Design Report**

Documentation relating to both SCRs (Faster Switching and Retail Code Consolidation), together with two drafting notes was reviewed at the Workgroup.

The documentation can be found here: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/index.php/dist/260320

- **New MDD Market Participant Solution**

From March 2020 Xoserve will be in primary control of Market Participant Identifiers, and as part of this have been requested to look at ways of allowing participants to access systems as part of accession testing. Currently, participants have to acceded to the UNC and a way of managing participants in testing and their associated codes will need to be established. In February, the Workgroup discussed options for managing accession and concluded that the preference is to avoid a two-stage accession / approval process, although with a caveat that it should be managed to a party does not sit in testing for ever.

The next meeting is 23 April 2020.

Transmission Workgroup

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx

Meetings were held on 06 February and 05 March 2020. The following was discussed/progressed:

- **Pre-Modifications: - Offtake Profile Notification Amendments at Moffat Interconnection Point**

This Modification is to change definition of Agreed Target Quantity in the Interconnection Agreement between National Grid Gas plc and GNI (UK) Ltd. The Workgroup will continue the development of this Modification during the forthcoming meetings. The Modification 0720S was raised on the 11 March 2020 and will be presented at the Transmission Workgroup in April.

- **0705R - NTS Capacity Access Review**

The Workgroup continue to assess the request and issues with the interaction of DN obligations to book 1 in 20 capacity to meet their network demand. An interim Report was discussed at March Panel. Other areas that will be discussed during the April meeting will include; User Commitment, Substitution, DN Capacity booking process.

- **0714 - Amendment to Network Entry Provision at Perenco Bacton terminal**

Following the March Workgroup meeting a revised Modification is expected which will encompass the new solution for further discussion at the April meeting.

Ian McCluskey from the Institution of Gas Engineers and Management (IGEM) provided a presentation on a New IGEM Gas Quality Standard for Net Zero emissions and Justin Goonesinghe also provided an overview of BEIS's approach to the EU/UK negotiations on future trading arrangements. Further information can be found on the Transmission Workgroup Meeting page. www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/020420

The April meeting took place on 02 April 2020, an update will be provided in the April Edition.

The next meeting is 07 May 2020.

Charging Methodology Forums

Distribution Network Charging Methodology Forum (DNCMF) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dncmf

The last meeting was held on the 24 March 2020.

- The Allowed and Collected DN Revenue Reports were presented and discussed. These are available for interested parties via the following links: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DNRevenueReports www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dncmf/240320
- An update on Modifications 0678 Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime; Modification 0717 - Increasing the Storage Transmission Capacity Charge Discount to 80%; Modification 0718/A/B/C - Introduction of a Conditional Discount for Avoiding Inefficient Bypass of the NTS; and Modification 0687 - Creation of new charge to recover Last Resort Supply Payments was provided to the Workgroup to keep them abreast of developments.

The next meeting is 23 June 2020.

NTS Charging Methodology Forum (NTSCMF) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ntscmf

Meetings were held on 11 February and 03 March 2020. The following was discussed/progressed:

- **Pre-Modifications:** No draft modifications were presented for discussion
- **Ofgem/CEPA February Update:** Ofgem have instructed the CEPA to conduct a thorough modelling exercise on the Modification 0678 - 0678/A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I/J (Urgent) - Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime, as part of the impact analysis Ofgem undertook prior to publishing its 'minded to' position. CEPA provided an overview of the modelling and context, more information is available via: www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/nts-charging-methodology-forum-ntscmf-session-cepa-unc678-quantitative-analysis-11-february-2020
- **R1102: Tariff Impacts:** National Grid provided an updated presentation which was a slightly updated modelled version on the transmission only and was based on Modification 0678A. The full presentation can be viewed via the link: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ntscmf/110220
- **Forecasted Contracted Capacity (FCC) Update:** No updates available in February or March.
- **Long Term Revenue Forecasts:** No further updates.
- **0670R: Review of the charging methodology to avoid the inefficient bypass of the NTS.** Updated analysis was provided, which can be viewed via the link: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ntscmf/110220

The April meeting took place on 07 April 2020, an update will be provided in the April Edition.

The next meeting is 05 May 2020.

UIG Workgroup

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/UIG

Meetings were held 25 February and 17 March 2020. The following was discussed/progressed:

- **Pre-Modifications: - Requirements for Converter installation**
This Modification is addressing the lack of requirement regarding the installation and removal of converters. The proposer said that it was in its infancy and welcomed suggestions via: enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk
- **Update to Allocation of Unidentified Gas process governance.** This Modification is to address three areas; voting arrangements at the UNCC, addressing stability between draft and modified/final AUG tables and establishing a route of appeal. The proposer is due to discuss the content of the Modification with Ofgem and ICoSS and any suggestions are welcomed via: enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk
- **UIG Taskforce Tracker** – Xoserve provided the latest update on the UIG Task Force. www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uig/170320
- **0672 - Incentivise Product Class 4 Read Performance.**
The Workgroup Report was updated and reviewed by the Workgroup and will be submitted to the April Panel.
- **0691S – CDSP to convert Class 3 or 4 meter points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met.**
An extension was confirmed until June 2020 to allow sufficient time for the Modification to be finalised and allow further development and confirmation of the Legal Text, with the aspiration of concluding the Workgroup Report at the May meeting.
- **0693R – Treatment of kWh error arising from statutory volume-energy conversion.**
The Workgroup meeting was deferred until the April meeting as the proposer was not available to join the meeting.

The next meeting is 21 April 2020.

Governance Workgroup

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/gov

Meetings were arranged for 02 March, 09 March and 30 March 2020 to review Legal Text for Modification 0708S. Each meeting was cancelled because of a lack of quoracy. An action was taken to address this issue.

The next meeting is 22 April 2020.

Other Workgroups

- **0646R - Review of the Offtake Arrangements Document and 0683S - Offtake Arrangements Document (OAD) Review Updates – Phase 1:**
The Workgroup continue to assess the 0646R Request and the next phase of Modifications required including consideration of a Redundant Asset Process for Offtake sites and Connection Site definitions with a completion date of October for the Workgroup Report.
- **0683S - Offtake Arrangements Document (OAD) Review Updates – Phase 1:**
The Workgroup concluded its report for submission to the April Panel.
- **0674 - Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls** www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0674
The Workgroup continues to meet and continues to review the amended Modification and associated legal text, together with providing consideration of the consolidated and amended PAF document and new the PAF Constitution. The next meeting is on 27 April 2020.

Committees Updates

Energy Balancing Credit Committee (EBCC) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/EBCC

- The last meeting was held on the 24 February 2020.
- The Operational and Outstanding Energy Balancing Adjustments Updates are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ebcc/240220
- The next meeting is 18 May 2020

Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc

- The last meeting was held on the 10 February 2020.
- The key messages from meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc/summarykeymessages.
- The next meeting is 27 April 2020.

Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) www.gasgovernance.co.uk/PAC

- The last meetings were held on 11 February, 16 March and 24 March 2020.
- The key messages from meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/pac/summarykeymessages
- The next meeting is 20 April 2020.

AUG Sub Committee

- The last meetings were held on 14 February and 13 March 2020.
- The key messages from meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/aug/140220.
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/aug/130320
- The next meeting is scheduled for 07 April 2020 where the AUGE will brief the Industry on the final AUG Statement prior to it being presented to UNCC on 16 April.

Data Service Contract (DSC) Committees www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DSC-CDSP

DSC Change Management Committee

- The last meetings were held on 12 February and 11 March 2020.
- At the last meeting on 11 March, there were 6 new change proposals and 1 post-solution review, which were approved.
- Updates were provided to the Committee on the DSC Implementation Plan, June and November 2020 Release, other Releases requiring approval from the Committee and the Central Switching Service Consequential.
- The April meeting was on 08 April 2020. An update will be provided in the April Edition.
- The DSC Change Management Committee Extraordinary Meeting will be held on 04 May 2020.

DSC Contract Management Committee

- The last meetings were held on 19 February, 05 March and 18 March 2020.
- During these meetings the Committee have approved a number of Disclosure Request Reports; updates have been provided on the BP20 Budget and Budget Appeal and the CDSP presented the essential Management Reports.
- The next meeting is on 15 April 2020 and will focus on considering and approving critical topics/works required to manage the progression of essential projects.

DSC Credit Committee

- The last meeting was held on the 24 February 2020.
- The CDSP Operational and Outstanding Debt Position Update are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dsc-credit/240220
- The next meeting is 18 May 2020

IGTAD Sub-Committee www.gasgovernance.co.uk/igtad

- The last meeting was scheduled on 23 March 2020 however this was postponed.
- The next meeting is 08 June 2020

Things to Note...

- **New Member to the Joint Office Team – commencing 23 March 2020**

- **Kate Elleman – Workgroup Manager**

- Kate joined the Joint Office on 23 March 2020 as a Workgroup Manager. Kate has over 30 years' experience in the Gas Industry having held positions in Transmission, Distribution and Metering. We are delighted to welcome Kate to the team and she is looking forward to working with you all.

- **UNC User Representation Appointment Process**

- The Joint Office will soon be initiating the User Representation Appointment Process for period commencing 01 October 2020.

Organisations are reminded to ensure an appropriate Single Points of Contact (SPoC) is registered, to represent them throughout the process.

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