

PAC Voting Arrangements

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Context

- Modification 674 (Performance Assurance and Controls) is proposing to codify the PAC Terms of Reference, (ToR)
- To facilitate this all aspects of the ToR need to be assessed and included in the proposal prior to legal drafting
- However, there has been considerable debate with within group, and at separate development sessions, as to what the PAC voting rules actually are
- This is not a discussion in Mod 674
- Today's objective: For UNCC to clarify & re-affirm the voting of PAC voting arrangements to allow informed discussion moving forward
- For reference: Mod 674 v11.0 (5 June) proposes:

“A decision of the PAC Committee shall be made in accordance with UNC TPD V16.2.1”

What the UNC states:

16.2 Performance Assurance Committee

16.2.1 Where paragraph 12, this paragraph 16 or the PAF Document provides for any decision to be taken by the PAC such decision shall be taken by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members of the committee who are appointed to represent DNOs and Shipper Users (and subject to such other procedures as the committee may establish) and the representatives of National Grid NTS who are members of the UNC Committee or any relevant sub-committee will not vote on any such matter.

16.2.2 The PAC shall have the functions set out in this paragraph 16 and the PAF Document and shall conduct itself in accordance with such terms of reference as may be adopted by the UNC Committee.

Take away points:

- Decisions taken by simple majority of members
- Subject to “other procedures as the committee may establish”
- Conduct itself in accordance with the Terms of Reference

What the 17 May 2018 Terms of Reference state:

2.2 Performance Assurance Committee structure

Effective from 01 June 2018, the PAC comprises of a Shipper and Transporter constituency. The Shipper constituency comprises of 9 Shipper User Members, all of who have voting rights (as determined by the annual User Representative process) and the Transporter constituency comprises of 3 Transporter-appointed Members (comprising 2 large distribution Transporters and 1 AIGT nominee), all of whom have voting rights. NTS will not have membership rights.

2.4 Decision making

Where the meeting is quorate, all decisions shall be made by simple majority of PAC Members or their nominated alternate in both Shipper and Transporter constituencies. PAC Members may vote for or against a proposal, any abstention shall not count towards the simple majority count. Where such agreement is not obtained, the Chairperson shall submit the matter to the Uniform Network Code Committee for consideration.

Take away points:

- Simple Majority voting in “both Shipper and Transporter constituencies”
- Abstentions don’t count
- Where no agreement obtained - refer to UNCC

Take away points:

- Shipper & Transporter constituencies
 - 9 Shippers
 - 3 Transporters

Example

Proposal: On this matter, a decision needs to be made.

Committee status: meeting quorate with 9 Shippers & 3 transporters present

Voting:

7 Shippers: FOR

1 Transporter: FOR

Giving due consideration to the UNC rules set-out in the UNC & PAC Terms of Reference

Is the proposal passed?

Performance Assurance Committee

Meetings take place on a monthly basis

9 Shipper
Members

3 Transporter
Members (2
DNO 1 IGT)

Minimum of 4
Users and 2
Transporters
required

Majority Vote
required in each
constituency

Confidential Information

- Employers required to sign Employer Assurance Document
- Members sign Confidentiality Agreement