

UNCC (AUG) Sub-Committee
Friday 06 April 2021
via teleconference

Attendees		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes (Secretary)	(MBJ)	Joint Office
Carl Whitehouse	(CW)	Shell Energy
Christian Hill	(CH)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Daniel Wilkinson	(DW)	EDF Energy
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Jonathan Kiddle	(JK)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Kirsty Dudley	(KD)	E.ON
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Mark Bellman	(MB)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Neil Cole	(NC)	Xoserve
Rhys Kealley	(RK)	British Gas
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON
Sophie Dooley	(SDo)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Steve Blackler	(SBI)	E
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Alan Raper (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (12 March 2021)

Steve Mulinganie (SM) noted that the previous month's minutes had not captured an action on Fiona Cottam (FC) to provide an explanation of the Uniform Network Code Committee (UNCC) process if the current AUG proposal was challenged. FC explained that she had provided this information as a post-meeting update and this had been captured in the minutes on page 3, noting that she would also present this information to the Committee at today's meeting. SM accepted this update.

Mark Bellman (MB) noted his name had not been recorded as an attendee for the previous meeting. AR apologised and advised the minutes would be amended to reflect this.

The minutes were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0704: Advisory Service - Engage to put signpost to Joint Office on the Engage website.

Update: Christian Hill (CH) explained that this action had not yet been progressed, but it was expected to be completed soon and that the Joint Office would be notified of it. AR accepted this and noted the action could be closed. **Closed.**

Action 0301: Theft of Gas – Action 0204: JK to consider using further aggregation of the lower EUC bands into single allocation factors.

Update: Jonathan Kiddle (JK) noted this would be covered in the AUG Expert (AUGE) presentation. **Closed.**

Action 0302: Identified Innovations: Joint Office to discuss with Engage to consider how best to take this forward.

Update: JK noted this would be covered in the AUGE's presentation. **Closed.**

2.0 AUG 2021/2022 Timeline (Recap)

This is covered below under Agenda item 3.0, Delivery Timeline.

3.0 Review Final AUG Statement (due to be published 01 April 2021)

For a detailed update, please refer to the published slides on the meeting page.

Final AUG Statement

Delivery Timeline

JK presented the AUG Statement (AUGS) timeline, noting that no changes had been made to it since it had last been presented and that the AUGS was ready to be presented to the UNCC on 15 April 2021.

Weighting Factors

JK noted that Action 0301 was for the AUGE to review the aggregation of the lower End User Category (EUC) bands into single allocation factors. JK advised that the AUGE had reviewed and concluded that there should be no further consolidation of factors in EUC bands 1 and 2 and the final Weighting Table has been published on this basis.

Please see the published slides for further details.

SM asked if any changes had been made to the proposed table before it had been finalised and JK confirmed that no changes had been made. SM subsequently requested that this is referenced in the presentation to the UNCC later in the month.

JK advised the next step was for the final table to be reviewed for approval at the UNCC meeting on 15 April 2021.

2022-23 contributors for Initial Assessment

JK advised the Committee that the AUGE had identified twenty contributors for assessment for the 2022-23 AUGS. Please see the published slides for further details.

JK noted that any further potential contributors should be provided to the AUGE by 13 April 2021.

Innovation Service

CH advised that he had discussed how to progress the AUGE's Innovation Service with the Joint Office and proposed holding a standalone workshop to review potential innovations with the industry in mid-May 2021, presenting a list of identified innovation activities to be reviewed. Please refer to the published slides for further details.

SM agreed that a separate workshop for considering innovations would be beneficial and suggested that the AUGE should also include Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) costs for each of the potential innovations at the proposed workshop for the industry to consider.

JK accepted that whilst it would be beneficial to review the costs of any proposed innovation activity, it would not be possible for the AUGE to provide this for every identified scenario. JK suggested that once the industry had considered the various activities being proposed and shortlisted the ones they wanted to progress, the AUGE could then provide the costs for the shortlist. SM accepted this view.

SM asked how the industry would agree which innovation activities to progress. CH explained that while the AUG Sub-Committee was not a voting body, they could make recommendations which would then be referred to the UNCC for a formal vote. AR noted that the recommendations process would need to be considered and reviewed.

CH commented that the industry could still indicate their views of the various proposed innovation activities in advance of the proposed workshop, if they wished.

Industry Issues

CH noted that that Industry Issues log had not changed and was presented for information. Please refer to the published slides for further details.

Future Considerations

CH presented the AUGE's list of items for future consideration, noting it was for information only. Please refer to the published slides for further details.

4.0 Consideration of Final AUG Table of UIG Weighting Factors for 2021/22

FC presented the process for the UNCC review of the final AUG table of Weighting Factors for 2021-22, noting this was for information only and was presented to create awareness of the process prior to the UNCC meeting. Please refer to the published slides for further details.

The Committee discussed the slides, with the key points arising noted below:

- SM asked if he could request for the previous year's (2020-21) AUGS to be rolled over. FC confirmed this would be acceptable.
- SM noted that he would be proposing that a modified Final Weighting Table be adopted for the 2021-22 AUGS and asked to clarify the wording around his proposal.

SM also advised the AUGE that they should note this as pre-advice of his intention; this was acknowledged by CH.

- There was some discussion around the wording of SM's proposal. FC clarified that the UNCC would be considering the Final AUG Statement rather than the Weighting Table and SM would need to be clear in his request to the UNCC.

SM clarified he would request the following:

We propose to replace the proposed Final Table with a Modified Final Table which mirrors the Table currently applicable from the 01 October 2020.

- FC advised SM would need to submit his proposal as a paper for the UNCC to the Joint Office, allowing the industry to review this. SM accepted this.

- The Committee briefly discussed previous proposals to rework or replace the AUGS. It was noted that this had been proposed before but had not progressed as to do so would require unanimous approval from the UNCC.
- Rhys Kealley (RK) noted for information that the UNCC vote on the AUGS would not include the Consumer Representatives.
- SM noted that FC's slide stated that once the AUGS was approved it would become effective on 1 October 2021, pending the outcome of Modification 0758. SM advised this was inaccurate and the implementation of the AUG table could be affected by other Modifications as well. FC accepted this point and noted she would amend this to 'any relevant Modification' as opposed to 'Modification 0758'.

5.0 Next Steps

- AR confirmed the next step was the UNCC vote on the Final AUG Statement on 15 April 2021, which would proceed as per the steps outlined in FC's presentation.
- FC noted that she would publish the review of the AUGS production process for consultation before the May meeting and allow the industry three weeks to reply.
- SM noted he was considering raising a Modification proposing to move the AUG Framework into the Uniform Network Code (UNC) which would allow for mechanisms being in place to deal with any disputes or issues in relation to the AUGS. FC suggested that the AUG Review Consultation and any further Draft Modification could be raised in parallel and could inform each other. SM agreed with this view.
- AR asked SM to provide a draft Modification as soon as possible. SM noted it should be a straightforward proposal but acknowledged there may be some detailed points to consider.

6.0 Any Other Business

None

7.0 Diary Planning

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

Time/Date	Venue	AUG Sub-Committee Agenda
Mid May 2021 – TBC	Via Microsoft Teams	AUGE Innovation Services

Action Table (as at 06 April 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0704	10/07/20	4.0	<i>Advisory Service</i> - Engage to put signpost to Joint Office on the Engage website.	Engage (CH)	Closed
0301	12/03/21	3.1	<i>Theft of Gas – Action 0204</i> JK to consider using further aggregation of the lower EUC bands into single allocation factors.	Engage (JK)	Closed
0302	12/03/21	3.1	<i>Identified Innovations</i> Joint Office to discuss with Engage to consider how best to take this forward	Joint Office (AR)	Closed