

UNC Governance Workgroup Minutes

Wednesday 01 September 2021

via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Kate Elleman (Chair)	(KE)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.ON
Darren Lond	(DL)	National Grid
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent (joined at 11am)
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector UK Ltd
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Kate Elleman (KE) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 04 August 2021 were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

None to approve.

1.3. Review of outstanding Actions & Issues Log

Action 1104: Joint Office (PG) to review the use of pre-meeting briefs by JO meeting Chairs.

Update: The Workgroup agreed to review this action in the future when the Joint Office Annual Report is produced. **Carried Forward**

1.4. Modification(s) with Ofgem

KE advised of the two Governance related Modifications currently at consultation:

- 0774S - Alignment of UNC TPD to the National Grid Licence in respect of the NTS, Consultation ending 03 September 2021; and
- 0760 - Introducing the concept of a derogation framework into Uniform Network Code (UNC) – Consultation ending 20 September 2021.

1.5. Pre-Modification Discussions

None to discuss.

2. BEIS/Ofgem Energy Codes Governance Review

KE advised that the UNC Modification Panel had considered having a standing agenda item in relation to the BEIS/Ofgem Energy Code Governance Review. It was agreed to have this as a standing agenda item on the Governance Workgroup Agenda for regular consideration/discussion and to inform the UNC Panel of any items/issues which need to be escalated.

The Workgroup briefly considered the status of the review and agreed at the moment there was no issues for escalation at present.

KE acknowledged there would be significant implications for consideration in particular for Panel and Workgroup meetings, noting that the BEIS and Ofgem joint Consultation on the Design and Delivery of Energy Code Reform had been issued and it would close on 28 September 2021.

3. Workgroups

3.1. 0776S - Revision of the Modification Panel Meeting Location Requirement in the Modification Rules

(Report to Panel 21 October 2021)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0776

4. Any Other Business

KE wished to raise a topic for discussion at the Governance Workgroup relating to the process the Joint Office undertake for recording responses to a consultation within the Final Modification Report (FMR). KE explained that currently representations are copied into a table, to avoid inadvertently changing the context when trying to summarise key points, however this is time consuming and appears to be adding little value. Therefore, the Joint Office would like to propose changing the process to consolidate the actual representations provided as an appendix to the FMR with a high-level summary table within the report detailing the organisations who have provided a response and whether they are in support or not, rather than pasting the representation verbatim.

Tracey Saunders (TS) expressed a concern about the ease of identifying key points and that this change would require parties to read the representations in full. The Workgroup considered how best to provide a brief overview of a representation's key points and whether the Governance Workgroup could review and consider changing the consultation template to assist with this.

It was suggested that the proposed change in presenting representations within an FMR could be tested with a number of Modifications to allow an assessment of the different approach. The proposal to consolidate representations was generally supported by the Workgroup as this approach had been utilised in the past for charging Modifications. It was agreed worthwhile trialling the approach for a range of simple and more complex modifications.

5. Diary Planning

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

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Monday 11 October 2021	Via Microsoft Teams	Standard Governance Workgroup Agenda Conclusion of 0776S Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 01 September 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1104	04/11/19	8.0	Joint Office (PG) to review the use of pre-meeting briefs by JO meeting Chairs (included as a Joint Office annual report point for consideration).	Joint Office (PG)	Carried Forward