

**UNC Modification Panel  
Minutes of Meeting 279 held on  
Friday 22 October 2021  
via teleconference**

**Attendees**

**Voting Panel Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>	<b>Consumer Representatives</b>
D Fittock (DF) Corona Energy Oorlagh Chapman (OC) Centrica R Kealley (RK) (British Gas) R Fairholme (RF) Uniper S Mulinganie (SM) Gazprom Energy	A Travell (AT) BU-UK A Clasper (AC), Cadent P Hobbins (PH) National Grid NTS D Mitchell (DM) SGN R Pomroy (RP) Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS) Northern Gas Networks	S Hughes (SH) Citizens Advice S Mulinganie (SM) Gazprom on behalf of E Proffitt

**Non-Voting Panel Members:**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Independent Supplier Representative</b>
W Goldwag (WG), Chair	J Semple (JS) H Higgins (HH)	(None)

**Also, in Attendance:**

- B Fletcher (BF), Joint Office
- E Rogers (ER), Xoserve - CDSP Representative
- E Fowler (EF), Joint Office
- K Elleman (KE), Joint Office
- H Moss (HM), Cornwall Insight
- M Bhowmick-Jewkes (MBJ), Joint Office
- P Garner (PG), Joint Office

**Record of Discussions**

**279.1 Introduction**

The UNC Modification Panel Chair (WG) welcomed all attendees to the Extraordinary Panel meeting, noting that the meeting had been arranged to discuss Urgent Modification 0788 - *Minimising the market impacts of 'Supplier Undertaking' operation*.

**279.2 Note of any alternates attending the meeting**

A Clasper on behalf of G Dosanjh, Cadent

R Kealley on behalf of M Bellman, ScottishPower

P Hobbins on behalf of D Lond, National Grid NTS

S Mulinganie on behalf of E Proffitt, Major Energy Users' Council

**279.3 Record of apologies for absence**

A Jackson, IGT-UNC Panel Chair

D Lond, National Grid NTS

E Proffitt, Major Energy Users' Council

G Dosanjh, Cadent

M Bellman, ScottishPower

**279.4 Consider Urgent Modifications**

**a) 0788 (Urgent) - Minimising the market impacts of 'Supplier Undertaking' operation**

P Hobbins (PH) advised Panel Members that National Grid have been liaising with Ofgem and Xoserve regarding Urgent Modification 0788 and had decided to not proceed with the Urgent timetable as the Modification was not yet ready for implementation.

PH explained that new issues had come to light on 22 October, which highlighted that the Solution for the Modification required further work before it could be delivered.

WG thanked PH for the explanation and suggested it may be beneficial to slow down the work to better plan the development of the Modification and to ensure it can deliver the Solution.

S Mulinganie (SM) noted that one of the issues was that the Proposal was predicated on a party being terminated. SM asked whether in light of the statement being issued from the EBCC (Energy Balancing Credit Committee), consideration can be given to whether this Modification serves its purpose and whether it was required. SM emphasised that this Modification was not fit for purpose.

WG asked about the EBCC statement and was advised by SM that it was a joint statement from EBCC and Ofgem. SM noted that it would be issued to the industry through the usual channels and published on Ofgem's website.

D Fittock (DF) suggested that it may be beneficial for National Grid to carry out additional engagement with impacted stakeholders on this Modification.

R Pomroy (RP) noted that the period of consultation for the Modification had been ineffective and respondents did not have adequate time to consider any consequential impacts of the Modification. RP stressed that the Modification should not be rushed.

B Fletcher (BF) asked whether Ofgem would be reissuing their Urgency notice as the Modification was proceeding under Ofgem's timetable.

H Higgins (HH) advised that Ofgem would like Xoserve and/or National Grid to advise them on the expected timetable.

E Rogers (ER) explained that Xoserve and National Grid would need to figure out the necessary steps for this Modification to work.

PH added that National Grid would hold workshops with Xoserve and provide an update on the revised timetable by the beginning of the following week.

WG asked for the revised timetable to be submitted by the morning of Wednesday 27 October 2021.

R Kealley (RK) asked if the Legal Text and/or Solution for the Modification was also expected to be changed. WG noted that this was likely.

P Garner (PG) stated that a variation of the Modification may be required to accommodate the amended timetable. BF added that Ofgem would have to issue this.

S Hughes (SH) asked if some of the concerns raised in the Representations (i.e new issues) could be addressed in the amended or varied Modification as in a normal Modification with the Final Modification Report (FMR) being sent back to Workgroup for clarity.

PH advised that these issues can be addressed in the amended Modification.

WG summarised the discussion noting that a longer consultation period with more industry engagement would have been beneficial in developing this Modification.

#### **279.5 AOB**

None

#### **279.6 Date of Next Meeting**

10:00, Thursday 18 November 2021, by teleconference.