

**UNC Modification Panel
Minutes of Meeting 298 held on
Thursday 28 September 2022
via teleconference**

Attendees

Voting Panel Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representatives
D Fittock (DF), Corona Energy D Morley (DM), OVO Energy O Chapman (OC), Centrica and for M Bellman R Fairholme (RF), Uniper	J Bates (JB), National Grid NTS D Mitchell (DM), SGN G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks and for R Pomroy A Travell (AT), BUUK	S Hughes (SH), Citizens Advice E Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users' Council

Non-Voting Panel Members:

Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Independent Supplier Representative
W Goldwag (WG), Chair	H Seaton (HS)	(None)

Also, in Attendance:

- E Rogers (ER), CDSP Representative
- K Elleman (KE), Joint Office
- P Garner (PG), Joint Office
- P Hobbins (PH), National Grid
- T Lattimore (TL), Gemserv
- R Fletcher (RF), Joint Office
- R Hailes (RH), Joint Office

Record of Discussions

298.1 Introduction

The UNC Modification Panel Chair, Wanda Goldwag (WG), welcomed all attendees.

WG noted that the meeting has been arranged to discuss another Urgent Modification and thanked members for their attendance at short notice.

298.2 Note of any alternates attending the meeting

O Chapman on behalf of M Bellman

T Saunders on behalf of R Pomroy

H Seaton on behalf of J Semple

298.3 Record of apologies for absence

M Bellman, ScottishPower

R Pomroy, Wales & West Utilities

J Semple, Ofgem

S Mulinganie, SEFE Energy Limited

298.4 Consider Urgent Modifications

a) Modification 0822 (Urgent) - Reform of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements

Panel Discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0822>

R Hailes advised that 10 representations had been received during consultation of which 9 supported implementation and 1 provided comments. WG requested the proposer provide a summary of the Modification and highlight any issues before Panel provided their views.

P Hobbins (PH), as the Proposer, explained that the Urgent Modification is required to include provisions within the UNC for National Grid NTS to:

- Administer an invitation to offer process for Gas Demand Side Response (DSR),
- Introduce option payments to Users that arrange with consumers to provide DSR in advance of winter, and
- Extend the trigger for opening the DSR market from the issue of a Gas Balancing Notification to also include issue of a Margins Notice at the day ahead stage.

Panel Members discussed the issues raised in the representations and these were captured in the Final Modification Report. Please see below for a list of the main topics of discussion:

- Costs
- Legal Text
- Governance and Timings and the use of the Urgent process for this Modification
- The amended process and issuing of notices

- The interaction of licence and Gas Act and potential impacts on parties
- Additional processing burdens for participants
- Identification of any material issues raised by respondents
- Potential impacts on IGT UNC

Panel Members discussed the Relevant Objectives.

Panel Members then determined that (13 Panel votes were available for the determinations):

- Modification 0822 (Urgent) recommended to be implemented, by unanimous vote (13 out of 13).

298.5 AOB

a) None.

298.6 Date of Next Meeting(s): 10:00 Thursday 20 October 2022 by teleconference.