

**Uniform Network Code Committee  
Minutes of Meeting 201 held on Thursday 16 July 2020  
Via Teleconference**

<b>Attendees</b>			
<b>Voting Members:</b>			
<b>Shipper Representatives</b>		<b>Transporter Representatives</b>	
M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower R Fairholme (RF), Uniper D Fittock (DF) , Corona Energy M Jones (MJ) , SSE S Mulinganie (SM) , Gazprom		R Cailles (RC), BU UK H Chapman (HC), SGN G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks	
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>			
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Consumer Representatives</b>	<b>Independent Supplier Representative</b>
W Goldwag (WG)	L King (LK)	D Mitchell (DM), Chemical Industries Association  L Snoxell (LS), Citizens Advice	(None)
<b>Also, in Attendance:</b> F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; S Britton (SB), Cornwall Insight; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Hailes (RH), Panel Secretary; K Jones (KJ), joint Office; A Raper (AR), Joint Office; E Rogers (ER), Xoserve			

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/160720>

**201.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

None

**201.2 Apologies for Absence**

Alex Travell  
Andrew Green

### 201.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The 18 June 2020 minutes were approved.

**Action UNCC 06/01:** Joint Office (PG) to seek Committee Members views on the definitions of the voting arrangements as set out in the UNC TPD V16.2.1 document and the PAC Terms of Reference for discussion at the July meeting.

**Update:** See discussion under agenda item 201.4 b).

**Closed.**

### 201.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

The Chair agreed that Agenda item 201.4 (b) would be taken first.

#### **b) Performance Assurance Committee – Voting Arrangements**

Alan Raper (AR) provided a walkthrough of the presentation, highlighting that the aim was to seek UNCC confirmation of the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) voting arrangements and so provide clarification of an ambiguity in the current voting arrangements and so inform discussion at Modification 0674 (Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls) Workgroup meetings.

He reminded Committee Members of the definitions set out in the UNC V16.2, and the PAC Terms of Reference (01 June 2018), which were varied by agreement at the 17 May 2018 UNCC meeting.

Following the presentation, Committee Members were asked to consider whether PAC votes should be passed with two constituency majorities or one simple majority.

MB, as Proposer of Modification 0674, clarified that the Modification is not seeking to make any changes in relation to the voting arrangements but is proposing to codify the PAC Terms of Reference, (ToR). He added that the inconsistencies were identified through the assessment of the ToR and the UNC during the development of the Modification. The UNC indicates that decisions are based on a 'simple majority' and there is no reference to constituencies. MB suggested this was an oversight.

AR acknowledged that the UNC indicates that decision is based on a simple majority but is caveated such that it can also be "subject to such other procedures as the committee may establish".

The Committee Chair then asked those Members that were present at the 17 May 2018 UNCC Meeting to offer a view of what was intended in relation to voting by constituencies.

HC stated that there was agreement to move to constituencies as a result of the DN representation being reduced from 5 to 3, with a corresponding increase in shipper members from 5 to 9, to acknowledge that the majority of the busines being discussed were inter-shipper issues.

TS reported that she had spoken to Joanna Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) who was the Panel Representative at that time and she echoed that the voting revision to reflect the reduced Transporter membership. She suggested that while the UNC creates a degree of ambiguity, the agreed ToR should apply.

BF, as Panel Secretary at the UNCC meeting in May, pointed out that prior to the change in the ToR there were two types of Shipper Members – Voting Shipper Members and Non-Voting Shipper Members to ensure a wide representative body of Shippers. As a result of the change to the ToR the Non-Voting Shipper Members became Voting Shipper Members.

The Committee Chair summarised the discussion at this point to confirm that most Members believed there was a move to constituency voting.

The Committee Chair then asked Committee Members to consider if this was the correct decision:

MB suggested that he was uncomfortable with the notion that constituency voting could lead to one constituency vetoing another and said this was not in the spirit of what was intended. He asked what action was needed to implement the intention of the May 2018 UNCC meeting.

AR reiterated that the UNC V16.2 acknowledges that procedures may be established by PAC and this in turn gives effect the ToR.

- **The presentation on PAC voting arrangements was noted.**
- **UNCC Members unanimously agreed that constituency voting as set out in the PAC Terms of Reference should apply.**

**a) Review of AUG Year – report**

Fiona Cottam (FC) provided a report to the UNCC, in accordance with section 7.4 of the Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (the “Framework”), which summarises the outcome of the Review of the AUG Expert Year 2019/20, in other words the preparation of the AUG Statement and Table of Weighting Factors to apply for the Gas Year 2020/21.

FC reported that two responses had been received in response to the request for feedback on the Allocation of Unidentified Gas (AUG) Year 2019/20. One response was from the I&C Shippers and Suppliers trade body (ICoSS) and the other from the AUG Expert.

The response from ICoSS was generally positive but she highlighted that the AUG Expert had commented on ongoing issues in relation to obtaining data from Xoserve and other parties. As a result of this Xoserve will look to put in place steps and validations to ensure that data is provided to the AUG expert correctly and in a timely manner.

A copy of the full report is available here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/augenex/2021>.

Committee members noted and thanked FC for the update.

**The Report of the Review of AUG Year was accepted by UNCC Members with no further actions recorded.**

**201.5 AOB**

**a) Performance Assurance Framework Administrator (PAFA)**

FC provided a brief update on the PAFA procurement. She highlighted that nominations are being sought for a Stakeholder Evaluation Panel of 3-4 members, who don't have to be PAC members, so a self-nomination is acceptable. She indicated that the Panel would involve approximately 1-2 weeks work across the year of which 1 or 2 days would be full days to interview Suppliers.

### 201.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 20 August 2020, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting on that date.

**Action Table (16 July 2020)**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
UNCC 06/01	18/06/20	200.4 a)	Joint Office to seek Committee Members views on the definitions of the voting arrangements as set out in the UNC TPD V16.2.1 document and the PAC Terms of Reference for discussion at the July meeting.	Joint Office (PG)	<b>Closed</b>

