

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of Meeting 212 held on Thursday 15 July 2021
Via Teleconference

Attendees			
Voting Members:			
Shipper Representatives		Transporter Representatives	
A Green (AG), Total Gas and Power D Fittock (DF), Corona Energy M Jones (MJ), SSE R Fairholme (RF), Uniper R Kealley (RK), British Gas S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom		G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent D Mitchell (DM), SGN A Travell (AT), BUUK P Hobbins (PH), National Grid R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks	
Non-Voting Members:			
Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
W Goldwag (WG)		S Hughes (SH)	(None)
Also, in Attendance: C Aguirre (CA), Pavilion Energy; C Hooper (CH), Contract Natural Gas; D Addison (DA), Xoserve - CDSP Representative; D Speake (DS), Engage Consulting (AUGE); K Elleman (KE), Joint Office; M Bhowmick-Jewkes (MBJ), Joint Office; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Hailes (RH), Committee Secretary			

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/150721>

212.1 Note of any alternates attending the meeting

R Kealley on behalf of M Bellman, ScottishPower

D Mitchell on behalf of H Chapman, SGN

P Hobbins on behalf of D Lond, National Grid

212.2 Apologies for Absence

D Lond, National Grid

H Chapman, SGN

M Bellman, ScottishPower

212.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The 17 June 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

212.4 Review of Actions

UNCC 06/01: Arrange a meeting to discuss the requirements needed to establish an AUG Process audit. This should include defining the scope and impacts on the timeline. Meeting attendees to include FC and SM.

Update: P Garner (PG) advised A Raper (AR) had liaised with FC and SM and would be discussing this topic at the next Distribution Workgroup meeting.

Closed

212.5 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) AUGE Innovation Service Summary

W Goldwag (WG) welcomed D Speake (DS), on behalf of the AUGE (Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert) to present the AUGE Innovation Service proposals. Please find the published slides on the UNCC meeting page for full details: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncc/150721

R Pomroy (RP) asked whether these proposals were to improve the AUGE processes.

DS advised that the proposals were looking at other processes (besides what the AUGE did) in gas settlements that could improve UIG (Unidentified Gas) allocations. DS added that whilst these processes were outside core UIG calculations, the AUGE were proposing potential changes and proposing to support the industry to progress these changes to improve UIG allocation.

RP noted that the proposed work was under PAC's (Performance Assurance Committee's) remit, and it was likely to cost the industry more for the AUGE to carry it out. DS explained that whilst he could not comment on PAC's remit, the work being proposed by the AUGE was built into their contract with Xoserve with a cap on how much additional work they carried out outside their contractual work.

RP asked whether these proposals would support the development of UNC Modifications with the AUGE's expertise.

WG noted that how the innovations were progressed was not up to the AUGE. DS confirmed this adding the AUGE were only making proposals which they believe could improve UIG.

T Saunders (TS) noted that it was difficult to make an informed decision at this point and suggested reviewing the proposals again in October once they had been developed.

SM advised that the AUGE were presenting a business case for approval at this stage which would allow them to develop the proposals. SM highlighted that if the proposals were to be progressed, they would require Modifications in order to be implemented, but noted that a number of steps would be required before they reached that stage.

R Kealley (RK) supported the proposals being made. However, RK urged caution about the outcome of the work being undertaken, referring to the previous work carried out to split the EUC Bands, where the outcome of the proposals had not been favourable as there had been less data than expected once the work had commenced. DS acknowledged this and noted it would be an element needed to be built in when acquiring the data.

UNCC were asked to approve the Business Cases for the two innovation proposals. Unanimous approval was received.

DS noted the next step would be for the AUGE to develop the proposals and bring them back for the UNCC to review in the October.

212.6 AOB

a) None.

212.7 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 15 July 2021, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting on that date.

Action Table (15 July 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 06/01	17/06/2021	211.6a)	Arrange a meeting to discuss the requirements needed to establish an AUG Process audit. This should include defining the scope and impacts on the timeline. Meeting attendees to include FC and SM.	Joint Office A Raper (AR)	Closed