

**Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting 21 September 2017**

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members						Transporter Voting Members					IGT Voting Member	Consumer Voting Member	Determination Sought
		AG	AM	AL	MJ	RF	SM	CW	DL	HC	JF	RP	NR	SH	
<b>0619A - Protection from ratchet charges for daily read customers with an AQ of 732,000kWh and below</b>	Not related to the Significant Code Review - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is Modification related to Significant Code Review?
	Is an alternate to Modification 0619 - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be treated as an Alternate to 0619?
	Modification 0619A is not a self-Governance Modification - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Does Modification 0619A satisfy the Self-Governance criteria?
	Issued to Workgroup 0619 with a report presented by the 21 December 2017 Panel - <i>majority vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be issued to Workgroup with a report by the December 2017 Panel?
	Legal Text Requested - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Request Legal Text for 0619?
<b>0626 – Updating UNC Section B to correct a number of references to the timing of processes associated with the start of a Gas Day</b>	Not related to the Significant Code Review - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is Modification related to Significant Code Review?
	Is a Self-Governance Modification - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Does Modification satisfy Self-Governance criteria?
	Is suitable for Fast Track Self-Governance - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Is the modification suitable for Fast Track Self-Governance?
	Implemented - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification 0626FT be implemented? (only votes in favour recorded)
	Not related to the Significant Code Review - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Is Modification related to Significant Code Review?

<b>0627 - Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Exit connections</b>	Is a Self-Governance Modification - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Does Modification satisfy Self-Governance criteria?
	Issued to Workgroup 0627 with a report presented by the 21 December 2017 Panel - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification be issued to Workgroup with a report by the December 2017 Panel?
<b>0594R - Meter Reading Submission for Advanced &amp; Smart Metering</b>	Returned to Workgroup 0594R with a report presented by the 21 December 2017 Panel - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should 0594R be returned to Workgroup for further assessment with a report by the December 2017 Panel?
<b>0607S - Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point</b>	Issued to Workgroup 0607S with a report presented by the 21 December 2017 Panel - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should 0607S be returned to Workgroup for further assessment with a report by the December 2017 Panel?
<b>0616S - Capacity Conversion Mechanism for Interconnection Points</b>	Proceed to Consultation, Consultation to close out on 12 October 2017 ( <i>and therefore be taken at short notice at October Panel</i> ) - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should DMR be issued to Consultation?
<b>0593V - Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries</b>	No new issues identified - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did Consultation raise new issues?
	Implementation recommended - <i>unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification 0593V be implemented? (only votes in favour recorded)
<b>0613S - Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document</b>	No new issues identified - <i>unanimous vote against</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Did Consultation raise new issues?
	Implemented - <i>with a unanimous vote in favour</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Should Modification 0613S be implemented? (only votes in favour recorded)

In favour	Not in Favour	No Vote Cast	Not Present
✓	X	NV	NP

**UNC Modification Panel**

**Minutes of the 211<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017**

**at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

**Attendees**

**Voting Members:**

<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>	<b>Consumer Representative</b>
A Green (AG), Total A Margan (AM), British Gas A Love (AL), ScottishPower M Jones (MJ), SSE R Fairholme (RF), Uniper S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom*	C Warner (CW), Cadent D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS H Chapman (HC), SGN J Ferguson (JF), NGN R Pomroy (RP), WWU N Rozier (NR), BUUK Infrastructure	S Horne (SH), Citizens Advice*

**Non-Voting Members:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>
A Plant (AP), Chair	N Hafeez (NH)

**Also in Attendance:**

P Garner (PG), Joint Office; M Berrisford (MB), Secretary; R Hailes (RHa), Joint Office; F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; R Hinsley (RHi), Xoserve; S Britton (SB), Cornwall Energy.

\* *by teleconference*

## **Record of Discussions**

### **Introduction**

AP welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced P Garner, CEO Joint Office in her role as the new Deputy Chair. AP also advised that this would be M Jones's last Panel meeting as a member and thanked Mark for all his hard work in supporting Panel in the past.

AP then went on to explain that due to a technical issue with the voting equipment, votes would be captured in the traditional manner, by a show of hands and unless otherwise stated, would be recorded by exception.

#### **211.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting**

N Hafeez for R Elliot (Ofgem)

#### **211.2 Record of Apologies for absence**

R Elliot

#### **211.3 Minutes and Actions of the Last Meeting(s)**

Members approved the minutes from the previous meeting 17 August 2017.

#### **211.4 Consider Urgent Modifications**

None.

#### **211.5 Consider New Non-Urgent Modifications**

- a) Modification 0619A – Protection from ratchet charges for daily read customers with an AQ of 732,000kWh and below.

HC introduced the Modification and its aims.

When asked about whether or not Scotia Gas Networks (SGN) intends to produce the legal text to support 0619A, when it is noted that Wales & West Utilities are responsible for providing the 0619 legal text, HC indicated that she would be happy to do so whilst coordinating production with both the Proposer of 0619 and WWU.

When asked, HC confirmed that SGN would be looking for a simple system solution to support the modification.

During a brief discussion around a 3 month Workgroup Reporting timeline (to December 2017), SM voiced concerns that this would potentially delay progressing Modification 0619, which is nearing completion. When SM indicated a preference for an earlier reporting date, AP observed that whilst the December date is a 'backstop date' there is nothing preventing the Workgroup reporting back to an earlier Panel meeting.

Whilst members remained sympathetic to SM's concerns, it was felt that December would be a suitable backstop date, and allow a suitable period in which to consider all aspects of the two modifications, especially as it is believed that there could potentially be some unintended consequences associated with 0619A. However, the Workgroup should be encouraged to report back sooner if possible.

For Modification 0619A, Members determined:

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are not met as this Modification is expected to have a material impact on the contractual arrangements for the transportation of gas;
- That Modification 0619A be issued to Workgroup 0619 for assessment, with a report to be presented no later than the 21 December 2017 Panel;
- Legal text is required in support of modification 0619, but not 0619A at this time.

b) Modification 0626 – Updating UNC Section B to correct a number of references to the timing of processes associated with the start of a Gas Day.

DL introduced the Modification and its aims.

For Modification 0626, Members determined:

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are met as this modification is not expected to have a material impact on the contractual arrangements for the transportation of gas;
- Is suitable for Fast Track Self-Governance as it is clearly a house keeping change; and
- That Modification 0626FT should be implemented.

c) Modification 0627 – Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Exit connections.

DL introduced the modification and its aims.

Members were asked to note that this is the first in a suite of three related modifications from Project CLoCC.

When asked, DL agreed to amend the modification to include consideration of Safety Case implications and additional background to the modification in order to assist Workgroup deliberations.

For Modification 0627, Members determined:

- It is not related to the Significant Code Review;
- The criteria for Self-Governance are met as this modification is not expected to have a material impact on the contractual arrangements for the transportation of gas;

- That Modification 0627S be issued to Workgroup 0627S for assessment, with a report to be presented no later than the 21 December 2017 Panel.

#### **211.6 Existing Modifications for Reconsideration**

None.

#### **211.7 Consider Workgroup Issues**

None.

#### **211.8 Workgroup Reports for Consideration**

- a) Modification 0594R – Meter Reading Submission for Advanced & Smart Metering.

Members noted that the Workgroup is currently awaiting information and direction from the Authority and until this is forthcoming very little progress can be made. Responding, NH agreed to discuss the matter with his colleague J Dixon with a view to providing an update on the RFI (which also covered questions around the settlement window) at the next Workgroup meeting.

When AP suggested that 0594R could potentially lapse should a new UNC modification be raised, SM explained that whilst he has received an email on the matter from J Dixon, he remains nervous about potentially raising a subsequent modification until further clarity is provided.

For Modification 0594R, Members determined:

- It should be returned to Workgroup 0594R for further assessment, with a report expected by the 21 December 2017 Panel meeting.

- b) Modification 0607S – Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point

During a brief discussion around how long to extend the Workgroup Reporting date to, RH indicated that the consensus is to seek a 3 month extension in order to avoid repeated extension requests and allow sufficient time for due consideration of all aspects of the modification, though early reporting is anticipated.

For Modification 0607S, Members determined:

- It should be returned to Workgroup 0607S for further assessment, with a report expected by the 21 December 2017 Panel meeting.

- c) Modification 0616S – Capacity Conversion Mechanism for Interconnection Points.

For Modification 0616S, Members determined:

- It should proceed to Consultation with a close out date of 12 October 2017 (*and therefore be taken at short notice at the 19 October Panel meeting*).

## 211.9 Consideration of Workgroup Reporting Dates and Legal Text Requests

Members determined unanimously to extend the following Workgroup reporting date(s):

Workgroup	New Reporting Date
None	

Members determined unanimously to request Legal text for the following modification(s):

Modification
None

## 211.10 Consideration of Variation Requests

None.

## 211.11 Final Modification Reports

- a) Modification 0593V – Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries

Panel discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:  
<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0593>

Members voted unanimously to recommend implementation of Modification 0593V.

- b) Modification 0613S – Revised UK Link Manual CDSP Data Services Document

Panel discussion: see the Final Modification Report published at:  
<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0613>

Members voted unanimously to implement Modification 0613S.

## 211.12 Any Other Business

- a) UNC User Representative Elections – *for note*

PG provided a brief onscreen review of the outcome of the elections process highlighting that Emily Wells (Corona Energy) would be replacing Mark Jones (SSE) as a Panel and UNCC member from 01 October 2017. Furthermore, it is anticipated that Naomi Anderson (ElectraLink) would be observing at future DSC meetings as well as fulfilling her role as the non-voting UNC Panel Independent Supplier Representative.

Members noted that there are still four EBCC vacant seats and that should any party be interested in taking up a position they should contact the Joint Office for more details.

b) Brexit – UNC preparation (Ofgem)

PG opened discussions by advising that an Ofgem representative had hoped to attend the meeting to provide an update on this matter.

Ofgem has published a presentation on the Brexit which parties are encouraged to view. A copy is available on the JO website.

Members noted that there are some potential Transporter Licence, UNC relevant objective g) and Transmission system related impacts involved.

In explaining that she has already questioned whether or not these proposals are legally operable, AL suggested that perhaps the addition of a suitable Brexit question in the modification templates would / could be beneficial. PG explained that the Joint Office is already considering such an addition.

For the avoidance of doubt, governance of Brexit UNC related impacts would be via the UNCC.

A meeting of the various Code Administrators is scheduled for Wednesday 27 September 2017 and is expected to consider the matter in more detail. The JO will be attending the meeting.

c) CMA Letter

In suggesting that the Panel should consider formally responding to the CMA letter, AP asked the Joint Office to pull together a first draft of a response to share with Panel, that seeks to highlight the steps taken so far to date and identify any ‘in flight’ modifications that could have a potential impact before the April 2018 date. It was recognised that any response should exclude references to the licence implications at this time.

**211.13 Conclusion of Meeting and agreed Date of Next Meeting**

- 10:30, Thursday 19 October 2017, at Elexon

**Action Table (21 September 2017)**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
			(none)		