

Record of Determinations: Panel Meeting 12 October 2017

Modification	Vote Outcome	Shipper Voting Members						Transporter Voting Members						Consumer Voting Member	Determination Sought
		AG	AL	GJ	TH	AL (RF)	SM	CW	DL	NR	RP	RP (HC)	SK	SH	
0634 - Revised estimation process for DM sites with D-7 zero consumption	Modification should be considered Urgent and follow Urgent procedures - majority vote in	NP	✓	✓	x	✓	NP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NP	Should modification follow Urgent Procedures?

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

UNC Modification Panel
Minutes of the 212th Meeting held on Thursday 12 October 2017
By teleconference

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives	Consumer Representative
A Love (AL), ScottishPower and alternate for R Fairholme T Hammond (TH), Corona G Jack (GJ), British Gas	C Warner (CWa), Cadent D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS N Rozier (NR), BUUK R Pomroy (RP), Wales and West Utilities and alternate for H Chapman S Key (SK), Northern Gas Networks	Not present

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Independent Suppliers Representative
P Garner (PG), Chair	R Elliott (RE)	Not present

Also in Attendance:

C Whitehouse (CWh), First Utility; K Jones (KJ), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary; R Hinsley (RH), Xoserve and S Britton(SB), Cornwall Insight.

(All attendees by teleconference)

Record of Discussions

212.1 Introduction and note of any alternates attending meeting

A Love for R Fairholme
G Jack for A Margan
P Garner for A Plant (Chair)
R Pomroy for H Chapman
S Key for J Ferguson
T Hammond for E Wells

212.2 Record of Apologies for absence

A Green
A Margan
A Plant
E Wells
J Ferguson
R Fairholme
S Horne
S Mulinganie

212.4 Recommendation on Urgency

- a) Modification 0634 (Urgent) - Revised estimation process for DM sites with D-7 zero consumption

PG provided a brief introduction to the meeting, explaining the purpose was to provide Ofgem with a recommendation on whether Modification 0634 should follow Urgent Procedures.

CWh provided an introductory presentation for the modification, explaining the reasons why the modification had been raised which were related to the current volatility concerning unidentified gas (UIG). He advised that First Utility had allowed time for the industry to correct the issue and as winter was approaching, urgency had been requested to attempt to put in place a solution before demand significantly increased.

Recommendation on Urgency discussion:

AL asked if Xoserve were already operating a similar offline process utilising Geminin for sites with estimated reads, if so how would this modification impact this offline process? RH advised that she was not aware of such a process and would make further enquiries to clarify the situation.

RH advised that a very high level assessment of this modification indicated that a system change would be required to implement the solution. A manual interim option was possible, although it would be retrospective in its application.

RH highlighted that there might be a significant impact should a subsequent read be submitted to replace the estimated read proposed and this would have a significant impact on systems.

CWa supported the request for urgency. However, he felt there were too many unanswered questions particularly as legal text would need to be procured. He suggested that the modification would benefit from Workgroup discussions to clarify the intent and solution.

DL was unsure how the solution actually impacts the allocation or quantity of UIG and how many sites would be actually be impacted. RP supported this view and he felt there were sufficient precedents for Ofgem to allow Workgroup discussions to form part of the procedures.

AL was unsure how much of the UIG would actually be impacted by this modification, it would be useful to have this assessed as part of the process.

NR highlighted that there may be a knock associated impact on iGT UNC and this should form part of the assessment.

There was a general consensus in the meeting that this modification would benefit from Workgroup discussions and it was noted that a previous Urgent Modification had accommodated such a principle Modification 0451V - Individual Settlements For Pre-Payment & Smart Meters.

PG reminded Members that the vote was restricted to providing Ofgem with a recommendation on Urgency and it was agreed to hold the vote: Members then voted by Majority Vote, to recommend that Modification 0634 follow Urgent Procedures.

Members noted that two absent Members had advised by email that they were not in favour of recommending Urgent Procedures.

Please note, that during the meeting it was advised that one member was in favour and one against recommending Urgency, this was an error and the correct position has been set out in the preceding paragraph.

212.5 Any Other Business

None

212.6 Conclusion of Meeting and Date of Next Meeting

10:30 19 October 2017, Elexon