Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 162nd Meeting held on Thursday 17 August 2017
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
Attendees

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Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total	C Warner (CW), Cadent Gas
A Margan (AM), British Gas	D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS
A Love (AL), ScottishPower	H Chapman (HC), SGN
M Jones (MJ), SSE	Joanna Ferguson (JF), Northern Gas Networks
R Fairholme (RF), Uniper	R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities
S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	N Rozier (NR), BUUK Infrastructure

Non-Voting Members:

Chairman	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representative
A Plant (AP), Chair		

Also in Attendance:

L Jenkins (LJ), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RF), Secretary; R Hailes (RHa), Joint Office; R Hinsley (RHi), Xoserve; R Johnson* (RJ), ES Pipelines and S Britton (SB), Cornwall Energy.

* by Teleconference

162.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

None.

162.2 Apologies for Absence

None.

162.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The Minutes from 20 July 2017 meeting were approved

162.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) AQ Validation Rules

AL introduced the proposed changes to the Validation Rules which proposed to help correct issues around AQs of 1kWh being identified during the rolling AQ process following Nexus implementation. This change proposes to roll over the previous AQ.

It was noted that this is likely to result in a restricted Class costs against Shippers in the DSC process and the implementation is to be agreed through the DSC Change Management Committee.

The document is to be amended to reflect the rule and remove the justification for the change. The AQ value that is calculated in this circumstance is not reflective of the consumption on the Supply Meter Point.

AM felt the rules under AQ amendment process should offer a solution but this may not be possible due to this change. However, he understood that action was required to resolve an issue.

Committee Members voted unanimously to approve in principle the proposed amendments to the AQ Validation Rules. AP noted that the implementation date would be notified through the DSC Change Management Committee and would need to come back to UNCC for final approval.

b)   2016/17 was the first year of the new Allocation of Unidentified Gas processes

RHi advised that Xoserve has already received feedback on the operation of the process and is well aware that there is scope for improvement in both the design and operation of the process.

The new AUG Framework includes a requirement for the Gas Transporters to conduct a review of "the activities and performance of the AUGE and the industry for the creation of the AUGS" and to report to the Committee.

Xoserve has published a request for feedback on the 2017 AUG page (https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/augenex/1718) which gives suggested headings for feedback, and asks for comments by Friday 15 September 2017.

The intention is to produce a short report on the 2016/7 process for the October UNCC meeting, including any recommendations for improvement.

Xoserve will also issue an invitation to submit feedback to all UNC parties, via the Joint Office distribution list, to ensure a wide circulation.

There was a general discussion around the issues establishing this years AUGS and Table. Some Members asked for a view of the break clauses in the contract, noting that should industry views lead to a to change of the AUGE then it would be desirable to avoid missing a contract break opportunity, particularly if the provisions needed to be enacted prior to the review being concluded.

It was agreed that views should be sought during the AUGE review process, and that Xoserve should be asked to arrange an open meeting to discuss the comments received and any potential improvements in the process.

162.5 Any Other Business

None

162.6 Next Meeting

Thursday 21 September 2017, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (17 August 2017)

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