

**Uniform Network Code Committee Minutes**  
**Meeting 235 held on Thursday 18 May 2023**  
**via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Voting Members:</b>		
<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>	<b>Consumer Representatives</b>
D Fittock (DF) Corona Energy and on behalf of Steve Mulinganie (SM) D Morley (DM) OVO Energy and on behalf of O Chapman (OC) and M Bellman (MB) O Chapman (OC) Centrica and on behalf of D Morley (DM) and M Bellman (MB) R Fairholme (RF) Uniper	Charlotte Gilbert (CG) on behalf of A Travell (AT) BUUK D Mitchell (DMi) SGN G Dosanjh (GD) Cadent C Williams (CWi) on behalf of J Bates (JB) National Gas Transmission R Pomroy (RP) Wales & West Utilities and on behalf of T Saunders (TS) Northern Gas Networks	None
<b>Non-Voting Panel Members:</b>		
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Independent Supplier Representative</b>
W Goldwag (WG) Chair	J Semple (JS)	None
<b>Also, in Attendance:</b>		
K Elleman (KE) Mike Berrisford (MiB) R Hailes (RH) P Garner (PG)	E Rogers (ER) Xoserve/CDSP F Cottam (FC) Xoserve/CDSP	
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**235.1. Introductions**

W Goldwag (WG) welcomed the attendees.

**235.2. Note of any alternates attending the meeting**

C Gilbert on behalf of A Travell  
 C Williams on behalf of J Bates  
 D Fittock on behalf of S Mulinganie  
 D Morley on behalf of O Chapman and M Bellman  
 O Chapman on behalf of D Morley and M Bellman  
 R Pomroy on behalf of T Saunders

It was noted that at some point D Morley and O Chapman would be absent from the meeting at separate times. When in attendance O Chapman was alternate for MB and during her absence D Morley was the alternate for MB. They were both alternates for each other during each of their absences.

**235.3. Apologies for Absence**

A Travell  
H Cuin  
J Bates  
S Mulinganie  
T Saunders

**235.4. Minutes of the last meetings on 20 and 26 April 2023**

Approved.

**235.5. Review of Action(s)**

None.

**235.6. Matters for the Committee's Attention**

**a) Amendment to the UNCC Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert - For Approval**

D Morley (DM) provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the UNCC Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (v8.2 dated 24 March 2023) which related to the removal of part of the paragraph 5.1.2 statement on page 15.

The Committee challenged the timing of the requirement and whether it aligns to the implementation of Modification 0843 – *Establishing the Independent Shrinkage Charge and the Independent Shrinkage Expert*. DM confirmed that the Modification was separate and did not impact the removal of the proposed text.

DM advised that the issue relates to circa 3TWh of unaccountable gas, E Rogers (ER) explained to Committee Members that the AUGE has complete autonomy over their allocation of UIG and its contributing factors such that removing the statement would enable them to establish the scope.

When asked whether the proposed change might impact upon the current AUGE to CDSP contractual arrangements, ER pointed out that DM had previously 'reached out' to the AUGE to consider this aspect and in summary concluded that the proposal would not prevent or restrict the current level of AUGE autonomy. Furthermore, at this time there are no additional cost impacts envisaged.

Concerns were voiced as to whether, in order to look into this matter, the AUGE would need to de-prioritise other items of work and the potential impacts this might have on the main role of the AUGE in allocating UIG, especially bearing in mind the statement was originally inserted into the document to assist in addressing shrinkage issues. Noting the concerns DM explained that whilst he does not expect the DNs to like the proposal, it will enable Shippers to have a more informed view on UIG and would not prevent the AUGE from commenting on any shrinkage aspects.

R Pomroy (RP) suggested there could be other reasons as to why UIG is an issue, not simply shrinkage and that he remains of the opinion that the AUGE's primary role is to allocate UIG. R Hailes (RH) also advised that the subject had already been debated at great length within the Distribution Workgroup arena.

Responding, DM pointed out that the AUGE already looks at, and comments on, IGT shrinkage which has levels set to zero.

In considering what voting arrangements are required in this instance, RH advised that this would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of UNC TPD Section V, paragraph 12.3 – the document can be modified by a Panel (UNCC) Majority vote (i.e. >50% of available votes).

The Committee approved the requested change via a **majority vote** (10 out of 12 available votes).

Following the positive vote to change the document, RH advised that the change is effective immediately and the document version number would be incremented up to v9.0.

F Cottam (FC) pointed out that the AUGE Framework Document (v9.0) would now need to be updated again to also include UNC Modification 0840 (Urgent) – *Equalisation of prepayment and non-prepayment AUG factors* and would be returned to the 15 June 2023 UNCC meeting (as v9.1) for approval.

When FC pointed out that an AUGE Engagement meeting is scheduled for early June, she was asked to ensure that inline with Ofgem’s previous comments around the AUGE sub-committee, the appropriate parties are issued with the invitation to attend.

**b) Allocation of Unidentified Gas (AUG) Process – Request for Feedback**

F Cottam (FC) presented a brief overview of the ‘*Indicative Wording of Letter to be Issued on 19 May (Following May UNC Committee Meeting)*’ draft letter which would be issued either later in the day, or early on Friday 19 May 2023 via the Joint Office.

Focusing attention on the bulleted list, FC advised that this approach follows a tried and tested process with the expectation that an update would be provided at the 20 July 2023 UNCC meeting.

**235.7. Any Other Business**

None.

**235.8. Date of Next Meeting(s):**

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month)

All UNCC meetings will be held immediately after the UNC Modification Panel.

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue
Thursday 15 June 2023	5pm Wednesday 07 June 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
Thursday 20 July 2023	5pm Wednesday 12 July 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
Thursday 17 August 2023	5pm Wednesday 09 August 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams & In Person
Thursday 21 September 2023	5pm Wednesday 13 September 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
Thursday 19 October 2023	5pm Wednesday 11 October 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
Thursday 16 November 2023	5pm Wednesday 08 November 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams & In Person

Thursday 14 December 2023	5pm Wednesday 06 December 2023	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
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