

UNC Governance Workgroup Minutes

Tuesday 30 July 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Alex Travell	(AT)	BUUK
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Clare Cattle-Jones	(CCJ)	SSE
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Penny Garner	(PG)	Joint Office
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Roberta Fernie*	(RF)	Ofgem
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Teresa Thompson*	(TT)	National Grid
Tracey Saunders*	(TS)	NGN

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/gov/300719>

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (08 March 2019)

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

1.2. Modifications with Ofgem

None.

1.3. Pre-Modification Discussions

None.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0676R – Review of Gas Transporter Joint Office Arrangements

(Report to Panel 15 August 2019)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0676>

3. BEIS/Ofgem Energy Codes Governance Review

Roberta Fernie (RF) provided an overview of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)/Ofgem consultation document; *Consultation on Reforming the Energy Industry Codes*, which is available for consultation responses from 22 July 2019 – 16 September 2019.

She explained that all responses were welcomed and that the main areas of the document explored strategic direction, accountable code management and simplifying the codes. A key consideration was whether the strategic body would be part of the code management function or separate. She said that Ofgem were in the process of organising a Workshop to explore the whole reforming arena and this was presently in the planning stage but expected to be held before the consultation close out.

A general discussion took place surrounding the implementation timescales and RF said this was planned for 2025 but this consultation concentrated on the options. Steve Mulinganie (SM) was interested to understand how this was going to impact the new REC code model to be implemented in 2021, and RF said this area was being investigated at the present time but it was likely it would be part of any proposal. Alex Travell (AT) said that from a general implementation perspective the changes proposed would be very large indeed and RF confirmed that it would take several years to fully implement, in order to incorporate the amount of change that would be required. Penny Garner (PG) also made note of the need for specialist Code Management knowledge, expertise and understanding in any competitively appointed Code Manager function, which was clearly an essential requirement. RF said that she would urge all interested parties to respond to the consultation within the timeline via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-the-energy-industry-codes>

4. Review and Development of Issues Log

Consideration deferred.

- 5. Panel Action PAN02/06:** The Code Administrator to ensure the Governance Workgroup review the appropriateness of counting members as absent who provide an alternate when considering Modification Rules - Ceasing to be a Member 4.4 b) (i) the Member is absent.

Consideration deferred.

6. Review of Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

7. Next Steps

CS briefly summarised the next steps as being:

- Continue to monitor the BEIS/Ofgem Energy Codes Governance Review developments and proposals,
- Continued development of 0676R Workgroup proposals following August Panel's agreement to an extension.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Subject to the agreement by Panel of an extension, Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10.30 Monday 02 September 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup Agenda, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEIS/Ofgem Update • Consideration of 0676R Workgroup proposals.
10.30 Wednesday 02 October 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup Agenda, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEIS/Ofgem Update • Consideration of 0676R Workgroup proposals.
10.30 Monday 04 November 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup Agenda, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEIS/Ofgem Update • Consideration of 0676R Workgroup proposals.
10.30 Monday 02 December 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup Agenda, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEIS/Ofgem Update • Consideration of 0676R Workgroup proposals.