

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 182 Meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2019
at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (G), Total	C Warner (CW), Cadent
D Fittock (DF), Corona Energy	P Hobbins (PH), National Grid NTS
G Wood (GW), British Gas	H Chapman (HC), SGN
M Bellman (MB), ScottishPower	R Pomroy (RP), Wales & West Utilities
R Fairholme (RFa), Uniper	T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks
S Mulinganie (SM), Gazprom	J Cooper (JC), BUUK

Non-Voting Members:

Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
M Shurmer (MS),		E Proffitt (EP), MECU)	

Also in Attendance:

A Fielding (AF), Ofgem; C Shanley (CS), Joint Office; E Rogers (ER), Xoserve; F Cottam* (FC) Xoserve; L Biginton* (LB), Utilita; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Fletcher (RFI), Secretary; S Britton (SBr), Cornwall Insight and T Thompson (TT), National Grid NTS

* by teleconference

182.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

P Hobbins for D Lond, National Grid NTS

182.2 Apologies for Absence

D Lond, National Grid NTS

J Atherton, Citizens Advice

J Dixon, Ofgem

182.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

MS advised Members that FC had suggested a number of changes to the previous minutes for item 181.4 a). Members noted the proposed changes and approved the minutes from 20 December 2018 meeting.

182.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) Update on AUGE procurement

FC advised that the presentation options were the same as those presented at the previous meeting, in terms of the overall costs, potential new service providers and the change of services.

SM felt it was worth testing the market, particularly when considering the impacts of unidentified gas (UIG) and the recent industry spend on the UIG Task Force.

AG agreed as the market has changed following Nexus implementation and there is actual information available on the new systems to consider in terms of services that could be provided.

GW asked if the AUGE would do the next two iterations of the AUG Year activities and then the new contract provider would be in place for 2020/21. This was confirmed as so.

AG asked how the scope of services would be agreed? SM suggested the AUG Framework Document would need to be revisited to ensure the relevance of the services and procurement guidance.

FC suggested that the task could be delegated to the stakeholder group to set out the procurement and scope. GW asked how quickly this need to be done. FC felt about two months was needed to agree the scope for the procurement event.

RP suggested the stakeholder group needed to be appointed quickly and the industry should be notified as soon as possible and asked to provide nominations for membership of the stakeholder group.

Members unanimously agreed to recommend Option 1 - Xoserve commences a procurement in early 2019 to appoint in early 2020, ready for 2020/21 service

b) Uniform Network Code Validation Rules

It was noted that this item was presented late but this was due to the close proximity of meetings, as the UNCC required a recommendation from the DSC Change Management Committee prior to considering approval of this document.

Members agreed to consider this item at Short Notice.

ER explained the proposed changes to the Uniform Network Code Validation Rules and that a January 2019 implementation would be desirable from an industry perspective. The DSG were asked to recommend an approach to amend the rules in appendix A. The DSC Change Management Committee agreed the recommendations of DSG and UNCC was being requested to approve the recommendations of both groups.

GW asked if there were changes to files flows. RE advised there would be no changes in most situations, this was a change to the application of rules.

It was suggested that the approval process be reviewed as a 3 step process seems over complicated and perhaps approval should be managed by the DSC Change Management Committee, with the UNCC being used as an escalation route if needed.

GW requested Xoserve to send an industry communication advising the changes had been approved.

Members unanimously determined to approve the proposed amendments to the Uniform Network Code Validation Rules.

182.5 AOB

- a) None raised.

182.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is:

21 February 2019, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (17 January 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
					Pending